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## WRITE NOW

### Thanks from Channel 6

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the great vote of confidence in KVIE Channel 6 ("Right Wing Attacks *Tales of the City*," MGW, Vol. 17, Iss. 233, Feb. 1, 1994). The generous gesture is much appreciated.

Maybe we can do your readers a favor. It's easy to make letters to PBS more effective by writing directly to the producers and "cc'ing Jennifer Lawson. Anyone can call KVIE Audience Services (916-929-5843) and get the appropriate address for any program we air. Sending comments to the producers has more impact than information passed along through channels.

PBS stations and national staff are eager to hear from the viewing public. I speak from experience at KVIE, where we keep records of all the calls and letters we receive. Thanks again for the pat on the back.

**Mary Ann Terpstra**  
Guide Editor/Community Relations Specialist  
KVIE Channel 6

**Editor's note: Call KVIE Audience Services for information about an individual show's producer(s). Direct donations to KVIE may be sent to: 2595 Capitol Oaks Dr., Sacramento, 95833.**

### Support group has opening

Dear Editor,

The HIV/AIDS Family Support Group is about to offer another seven-week group and is accepting referrals. We hope to begin our work in mid to late February.

Family members, spouses, and significant others of the HIV+ are encouraged to participate on Thursday evenings.

Interested persons must call to register. In order to strengthen group cohesiveness, a seven-week commitment is expected and we are finding it necessary to request

a donation of \$35. This will cover the cost of our mailings, the remainder being donated to Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Info: 483-5691.

Warmly,  
**Rev. Todd VanLinningham,**  
Gay Phillippi, LCSW

### Gay rodeos an oxymoron?

Dear Editor,

I see that another (hopefully the last) Gay Rodeo is scheduled for the San Francisco Cow Palace over the Memorial Day weekend. Talk about an oxymoron.

Rodeo is an exercise in domination, the strong over the weak (and unwilling), one step removed from rape. The connections to our own oppression are too obvious to ignore. Have we learned nothing from our own history?

Last year a group of Bay Area feminists sent a letter to Supervisor Carole Migden asking that she dissociate herself from the Gay Rodeo, and that the organization disband. The letter was signed by Alice Walker, Sally Gearhart, Barbara Cameron, Judy Grahn, Marga Gomez and 19 others.

We need to ask the proposed AIDS organizations beneficiaries to reconsider accepting any gifts of "blood money" raised by gay (or any other) rodeo.

Most rodeo events are bogus to begin with: real cowboys never routinely rode bulls, or rode bareback, or put bucking straps on the animals (without which most would not buck), or wrestled steers. And some of the gay rodeo events are even sillier, but still hard on the animals: "goat dressing," "steer decorating," "wild cow drag," etc. Such nonsense is supposed to help break the "sissy stereotype"? The great majority of gay rodeo participants don't even know how to ride a horse.

Animals have died on the gay rodeo circuit. The Peninsula Humane Society has documented more than 40 animal injuries and deaths at the Cow Palace Grand National Rodeo, 1985-90, including

broken necks and legs, shattered discs, and innumerable cuts and lacerations. A reported nine roping calves had to be destroyed at the '93 Grand National due to injuries suffered. Even when unhurt, is their pain and fear worth nothing? The animals, unlike the cowboys/girls, do not choose to be there.

And surely to allow lesbians equal time for animal abuse is nothing to brag about.

For an in-depth look at gay rodeo, see the March/April issue of *The Animals' Agenda* magazine. I'd like some feedback.

See you on the picket line.

Sincerely,  
**Eric Mills, coordinator**  
Action For Animals,  
Box 20184 Oakland, 94620,  
510-652-5603.

### Pomer benefit scheduled

Dear Editor,

Bruce Pomer, a good friend and supporter of our community, is competing for City Council Member, District 3. He needs your help to secure a win on June 7th.

Why is this election important to you? Because the outcome will determine the balance of power on the City Council for years to come. We think it is critical to elect someone who has a proven track record listening to and supporting issues that affect our community.

For example, Bruce was a strong supporter of the 1992 Domestic Partners Ordinance. He also supported non-discrimination for sexual orientation local and statewide, opposed Doolittle legislation, supported anonymous alternative HIV test sites and the complete lifting of the ban on gays and lesbians in the military.

Beyond our community, Bruce has a sterling record. He proudly and decisively supports land use policies that support healthy and safe neighborhoods, communication between "beat" police officers and residents, preservation of historic structures, promotion of alternative transportation, promoting and strengthening small business and quality housing.

His campaign theme—"Unity, prosperity and safety"—calls for neighborhoods free from crime and dangerous traffic and exemplifies the goals he has set for the job.

Please join us for an evening with Bruce Pomer

on Thursday, Feb. 24, wine & hor d'oeuvres, 5:30-7:30p.m., Hartley House Inn 700 22nd St. (corner of G St.) The cost is \$25 and proceeds will support Bruce's campaign efforts. RSVP to Randy Hartley at 447-7829, by Feb. 21. Checks should be made payable to "Friends of Bruce Pomer."

Thank You,  
**Randy Hartley,**  
Dennis Mangers

### Shameful review?

Dear Mr. Mathias,

You are a lunatic. I have just read your shameful review of *Philadelphia* and feel that it is time for we homosexuals to call a spade a spade. You, sir, are a spade of another color ... but a spade nevertheless.

I read long ago that you are very experienced in films and film history. How nice for you. Some of us are just plain people with average jobs and lives and don't feel so arrogant that we can stand in judgement of others. You seem to feel the opposite. This is very true with respect to your criticism of *Philadelphia*.

This film is very important in breaking down the barriers that heterosexual zealots feel they may impose on homosexuals. It may take an "act of divine faith," as you so rudely put it, to cure homophobia. Someone called me a "queer" when I was in high school and I have yet to recover from that horrible incident. I sometimes don't feel like I can leave my house because someone will see that I am homosexual and kill me. It is my faith in God, who you disdain, that saves me. It was God that saved Denzel Washington's character in *Philadelphia*. Faith is the great equalizer.

I also take exception to your calling *Silence of the Lambs* brilliant. You apparently are too good for the average person's opinion which deemed this film as homophobic. These kinds of films should be banned from public viewing. There should be a law against someone calling this trash art. Many people agree and you should be doing the same.

Get a real job, friend.

Sincerely,  
**Calvin Trilby**  
Editor's note: You are correct in assessing me as a lunatic. However, I will be blissfully insane tomorrow, whereas you will be merely sober.

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# LIFE, Katz introduce state partnership bill

by Aaron Marcus  
MGW/Staff

**D**omestic partnerships got top billing on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day when Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-Los Angeles) used the day to introduce new legislation that would establish statewide procedures for registration.

Joined Monday at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center by Laurie McBride, Executive Director of the LIFE AIDS Lobby, sponsors of the bill,

and a number of Los Angeles area political leaders, Katz announced that he is seeking to create a statewide registry for domestic partnerships under the direction of the

Office of the Secretary of State.  
Deputy Secretary of State Tony Miller, a gay man and

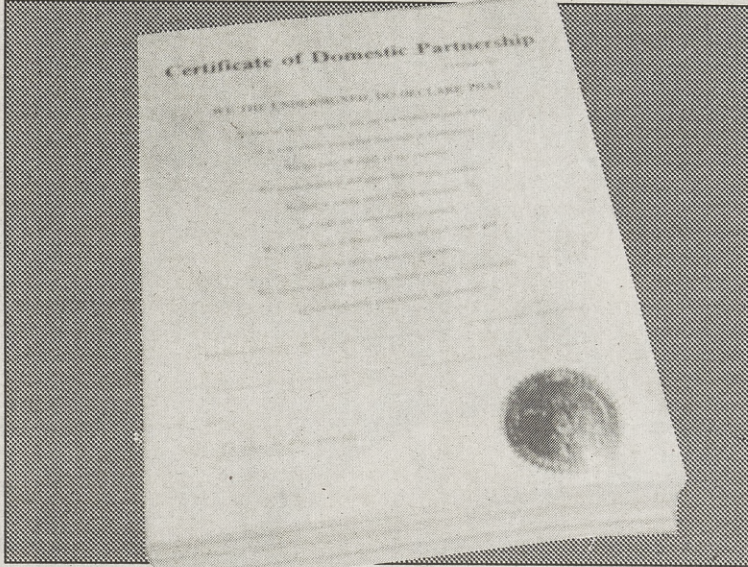
candidate for Secretary of State, has told MGW Newspaper that he personally opposes any state-sanctioned codifica-

tion of gay or lesbian marriage. Miller did not indicate that he would use his position, if elected, to oppose or restrict statewide same-sex domestic partnership or marriage.

Katz' bill, patterned after similar measures enacted by local governments, including those in Sacramento and San Francisco, would make changes to the California State Family, Health & Safety and Probate codes to ensure certain rights of hospital visitation, estate disposition, conservatorships and guardianships.

If passed, the new law would provide for the registration of any partnership, regardless of the gender of the

See PARTNERS, pg. 4



## WRITE NOW

### Thanks for the support

Dear Editor,

We are writing to publicly thank the lesbian and gay community for their tremendous support of City Councilwoman Heather Fargo as she ran for Sacramento County Supervisor.

The lesbian and gay community contributed over \$4,500 to Heather's campaign through an event hosted at the Weintraub Gallery and a letter writing campaign. These funds made a significant impact on Heather's ability to communicate her message. Equally important, our community provided hundreds of volunteer hours for the campaign. In the end however, Heather was outspent 2 to 1 and in politics, money often dictates who the winner will be.

While Heather didn't win the race, she ran an honest campaign that spoke to the issues. Fortunately, she will still serve as a City Councilwoman where we know she will continue to ask the tough questions, look for ways to empower the average citizen and ensure that the diversity of the Sacramento community is heard.

Congratulations are in order to Roger Dickinson who won the County Supervisor seat. He has been supportive of our community in the past and we look forward to working with him on issues of importance to the lesbian and gay community in the future.

Sincerely,  
Rosanna Herber and  
Ed Condon

### Mississippi's second wave

Dear Editor,

The following information will be paraphrasing, as best as I can recall, with my conversation with Wanda

Henson on 1-22-94:

"We are in serious danger as women. There is definite [sic] threats out against us. The Christian right and KKK is [sic] after us.

"The 200 people of Ovett have no problem with us being here. This has only to do with the far right and these ministers come from all over this state to attack and threaten us and scare the people of this community.

"They took a newsletter out of our mailbox and this is when our problems began to surface. The Dept. of Community Service Relations of Justice, is claiming that lesbian issues are not in their jurisdiction.

"The problems with the far right and KKK is [sic] quickly escalating and something needs to be done immediately to protect us.

"We are passive women, yet the others are skilled marksmen with guns. We need your help and support."

These women are on the cutting edge, and their work will serve the higher good of all, in particular the oppressed segment of our society which is specifically women, lesbian women and children.

They are being refused grant money to continue their education. And, their focus is women's studies and these grant holders are not assisting them, however, if they wrote poetry or a book they could probably get it. Again, women's studies and herstory is ignored and discounted in our society.

Please send donations to: Sister Spirit Inc., Box 12, Ovett MI 39464, 601-344-1411.

Phyllis

### Tower is a cultural fixture

Dear Editor,

Perhaps as a heterosexual woman, I should not presume to speak out about matters

that do not directly concern me, but in this case, I feel compelled to do so.

I've been a customer at Tower Books for 18 years, and I have met many people during that time. Almost without exception, Tower personnel have been more interesting than most. Creative bright people with very few exceptions work for Tower and my observations tell me that Tower doesn't give a damn about their sexual preference. A lot of gay people work for Tower and that may have contributed to its success. There is a touch of genius in hiring people who don't fit the middle of the bell curve. Most of Sacramento does, god help us all. Maybe that's why I haven't been in Weinstocks's since 1984, and I hate shopping. But I have to get my cultural fix, so hardly a week has gone by in the past 18 years that I have not gone to Tower for books, videos, tapes or cds.

It is so refreshing, in a city full of pompous professional bureaucrats, and politicians with their entourages, to go into a tower outlet and know that the person behind the counter is not a clone.

Culturally, Sacramento is pitiful and I can say that with some authority as I go back to New York from time to time for spiritual renewal. There is a soulless quality here, possibly due to the exhaust from too many oversize pickups and Broncos, and too many air controlled environments. Perhaps there is a viral contaminant here causing acute conformity and stodginess. Creative bigotry or creative intolerance are the only creative outlets allowed

in Sacramento, and you don't have to be gay to experience them. All you have to be is different and therefore vulnerable to the pack.

Fortunately, Tower has remained unscathed. It is a vital organization and much as I feel for the gentleman who lost his job in these hard times, I find it hard to believe that Tower would practice sexual preference discrimination.

Sincerely,  
Arlene Jones RN

### Thanks!

Dear Editor,

Erich, thanks for making room for our announcement about Capitol AIDS Walk grant apps!

Kelly Nelson Fagan  
Sacramento AIDS  
Foundation

### \$162,000 raised by Manilow

Dear Editor,

The final tally is in and we are pleased to announce that the Barry Manilow Benefit Concert raised just over \$162,000 which will be distributed to three AIDS service organizations in Sacramento. Our community owes a great deal of gratitude to you and your organization for the outstanding contribution you made to the success of this event.

As you know, AIDS is a devastating disease which has taken the lives of many men, women, and children in our community. The need for funds to provide HIV services, research and education is immense. Please know that because of your efforts, thousands of Sacramentans will be directly benefitted in

the coming months.

The community effort that was displayed in support of this important event was a shining example of how Sacramento area residents, businesses, and organizations pull together in times of need. Your contribution was exemplary and for that we say thank you.

Sincerely,  
Joe Serna, JR.  
Mayor of Sacramento  
Illa Collin, Member,  
Board of Supervisors

### CAP/PAC kicks off dinner

Dear Editor,

CAP/PAC (California Capital Political Action Committee) is planning their 6th Annual Dinner and Auction on May 7, and once again promises to be even bigger and better than before.

The dinner will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center, and while still being planned, this year's entertainment promises to deliver a memorable and moving experience.

Please help us kick off the dinner by joining us at a hosted cocktail party Thursday, Mar. 10.

A reception will be held at the home of Dr. Sid Crain and John T. Daniels, from 6-8pm. RSVP: 489-8903 by Mar. 4.

Sincerely,  
John T. Daniels  
CAP/PAC Board Member

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Laurie McBride, Executive Director of the Life AIDS Lobby at the premiere of *And the Band Played On* reception. Life Lobby presented statewide domestic partners legislation.

MGW/Steven Luse

## Gay and Lesbian Americans founded

By Richard D. Mohr

Hannah Arendt said that power is generated whenever people join together. This thesis could have no clearer example than the founding convention of Gay & Lesbian Americans held in Washington, D.C. over the Martin Luther King weekend. Seventy activists from all across the political spectrum convened to establish "a diverse, non-partisan coalition of grassroots advocates committed to civil rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people—and to a cure for AIDS."

Frankly, I went to the convention with low expectations and chiefly as an act of expiation. I had been attacking in print the other national organizations—not so much for their cynicism but for the moral bankruptcy revealed in the gay military fiasco. I figured that if I didn't at least drop the bucks for the airline ticket in order to see whether this new organization was one I could stand with, I would properly be branded a hypocrite. What I found was not only an organization that I can support but one that is inspirational.

The spiritual catalyst and initial organizing effort for the group came from Michael Petrelis, best known as a spokesman for ACT UP, as the "outer" of several members of Congress, and as the person chiefly responsible for achieving posthumous justice for murdered gay sailor Alan Schindler. Petrelis and others now recognize that a gay assertive politics of high profile theatricality needs to be supplemented with permanent political engagement and that only grassroots organizing can fulfill that function.

How is Gay & Lesbian Americans going to be different from NGLTF and the Human Rights Campaign Fund? It has different values. It is assertive rather than being accommodationist in its vision. It places gay values and needs at center stage and does not pander to the values of the dominant culture in vain hope of acceptance.

It has a different structure. Though it will have a small central leadership in Washington, DC, its power, energies and engagements will reside in individual members and in local and state chapters loosely linked through regional coordinators. The purpose of the functionally diverse, democratically-elected, four-member central leadership is to facilitate communication, coordination and outreach; not to make direct political contacts. That is what the grassroots membership does. In the other national organizations, members are pretty much just viewed as a source of revenue for highly-paid, remote administrators and professional Washington lobbyists. Are you getting your money's worth? When was the last time one of these organizations asked you for your ideas and spirit?

GLA has different tactics. It will lead gay politics into the era of information. The conference was overflowing with helpful computer jocks and networking experts. Within one day, the group had an 800 number—1-800-889-5111—which members chanted repeatedly through the group's news conference, which C-SPAN aired the evening of Jan. 17. The next day, GLA was up and running with an Internet e-mail address: gla-join@queernet.org. These tactics provide not only the effective tools of the going political scene but they also enable information and ideas to flow between members and from members to leadership and so work against the tyranny and calcification that characterize the hermetic top-down bureaucracies of other organizations.

Join now! Be heard! Spread the word! Start a chapter! Find out that politics can be fun! Find out that gay politics can be a vehicle for building the gay community! Find out that you matter and you can make a difference—in gay politics and in national life.

Richard D. Mohr lives in Urbana, Illinois and is the author of *Gay Ideas* and the soon forthcoming *A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights* (March, Beacon Press). ▽

## Partners: 'Wilson unlikely to sign'

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parties involved. It also would mark the first time that a state government provided legal recognition of same-sex couples. To qualify as domestic

partners under the new bill, couples would be required to meet certain conditions, including maintenance of a common residence; agreement to hold joint responsibility for basic living expenses; unmarried, not related by blood or a member of another domestic partnership; over age 18 or a legally emancipated minor and agree to register their intention by signing a consensual Domestic Partnership Declaration.

The Secretary of State's office will be asked to design and provide an application form to be made available statewide.

At press time, the thirty-five page bill had yet to be assigned an official number. Once that number is assigned, it will be made available for review for 30 days before it is sent to its first committee hearing, expected to be the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

With Republican governor. Pete Wilson and a general perception that he may be unwilling to sign such a bill, McBride acknowledged the legislation faces an uphill battle. "We'd like to see it get out of at least one house," said McBride, referring to the state Assembly, "but when people perceive that Wilson is highly unlikely to sign this kind of measure, we know we have a tough job ahead." ▽

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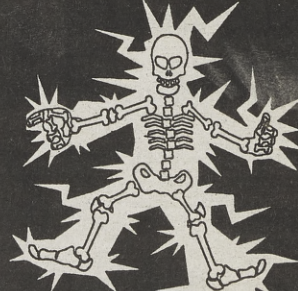
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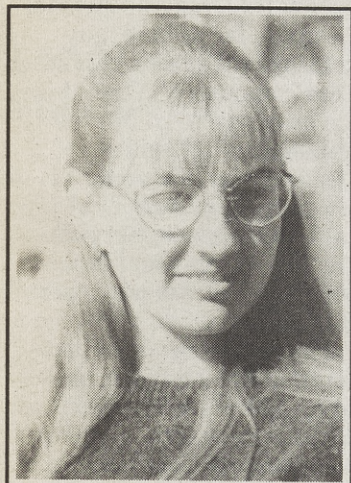
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## Are gays/lesbians portrayed positively or negatively in films?



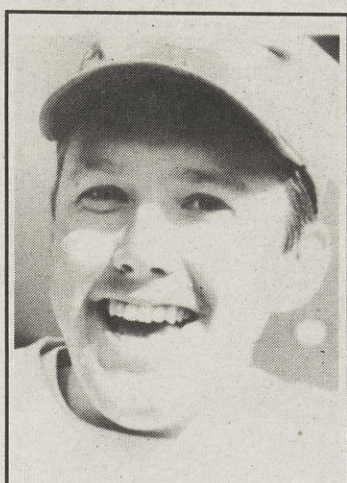
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Positively, because you think they portray them realistically as in *Tales of the City*.



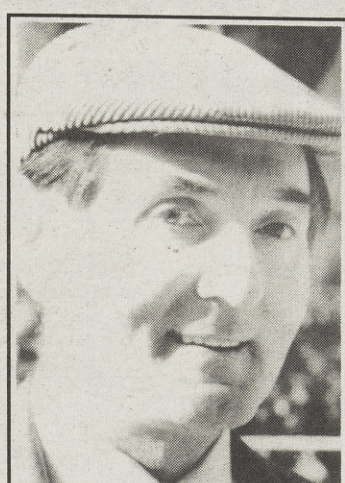
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It depends on who's producing the movie and what the storyline is. I don't trust the media that much.



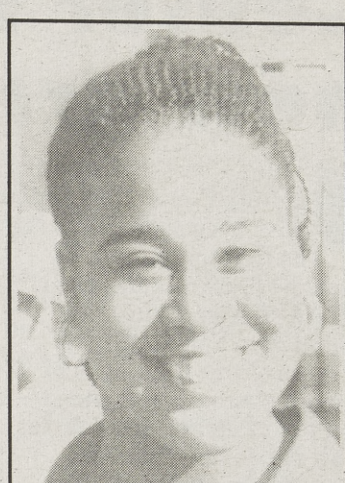
Robert Smith

Negatively they present social stereotypes. Gays are portrayed as outcasts in society.



Steve Harris

Not as positively as they should be—the media present very negative stereotypes.



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Tanesha Banks

Media in whole reflects on gays negatively. I don't agree, that they are portrayed positively.

### LOCAL NEWS

## Body count at 4 in Sacramento

By Marghe Covino  
MGW/Staff

Since Dec. 22 four gay men have been murdered in Sacramento. To all appearances the murders were unrelated except that, according to Joanna Cassese, executive director of the Lambda Community Center, "there is a climate—a mindset out there that makes it okay to kill and maim gay and lesbian people—the police have been terrific on these cases but the television reporting on these murders has been something out of the dark ages."



Sacramento Police composite sketch of a suspect in James Graves' murder. The suspect is described as a black adult male, 28 to mid-30's, 5'10", 185 lbs. with a light complexion. He was last seen wearing a gray ski cap with a feather on the right side, a green ski-type jacket and khaki pants. He had facial hair and bumps along the jaw from a possible shaving-related skin condition. Anybody with information about the murder or suspect is urged to call police at 264-5471.

Cassese was referring to television by KXTV Channel 10 reporter, Dana Howard, whom reported on the killings and "outed" one of the victims and then made remarks about

gay men and "promiscuity."

On Dec. 22 James Graves, 50, was bludgeoned to death in his bedroom and a fire was set in the apartment's kitchen in an attempt to cover the crime. Police say they are "very close to arresting a suspect."

According to Sacramento police spokesman, Michael Heenan, the murder of the second man, David Vangundy, 40, "was probably unrelated to his being gay." Vangundy has been identified as a drug dealer and, according to Heenan, "was killed during a drug-related break-in at his apartment." A suspect is under surveillance. Vangundy's murder was not widely reported.

The case of John Kajitani, 49, was quite different. The

murder occurred on Jan. 17. Kajitani, a farm equipment salesman was extremely closeted and solitary. While investigating the murder, police discovered he was a gay man but respected his privacy.

"I'm not interested in that aspect of his life except as it impacts on his murder," an unnamed investigating officer said, "and it's not my business to 'out' the man to his family."

Police quickly arrested transient Danny Cisneros, 18. Allegedly the streetwise Cisneros is attempting to use a "homosexual panic" alibi. However, according to police, "we know this wasn't Danny's first time out."

Particularly noteworthy was the viciousness of the killing: wounds were inflicted on the body after death. There was little or no reporting of Kajitani's murder at the time of his death.

Last week, Leon Kaufman, 70, was found

stabbed to death in his mobile home. He had been attacked by two assailants. The body was found two days after the brutal murder. Kaufman was found clad in his underwear with multiple stab wounds to the chest. Kaufman was a retired produce worker from Lucky supermarkets. To keep busy he was the volunteer caretaker at Faces, a gay dance bar in Sacramento.

Faces' owner, Terry Sidie, could barely suppress his tears as he said, "Leon was a sweet old guy. He was like a member of the staff, he just wanted to be with people and he was always pleasant and helpful to everybody. He never had a bad word for anyone."

Sidie said Kaufman worried about the street kids and the drugs they sometimes use. "Often he would take them home to make sure they had something to eat and a place to sleep and clean up,"

Sidie said, "and he'd try to find them jobs. I kept trying to tell him not to be so soft-hearted, that he'd get hurt but he'd tell me his boys would never hurt him. Now look what's happened."

Police took into custody a

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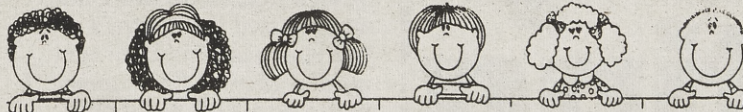
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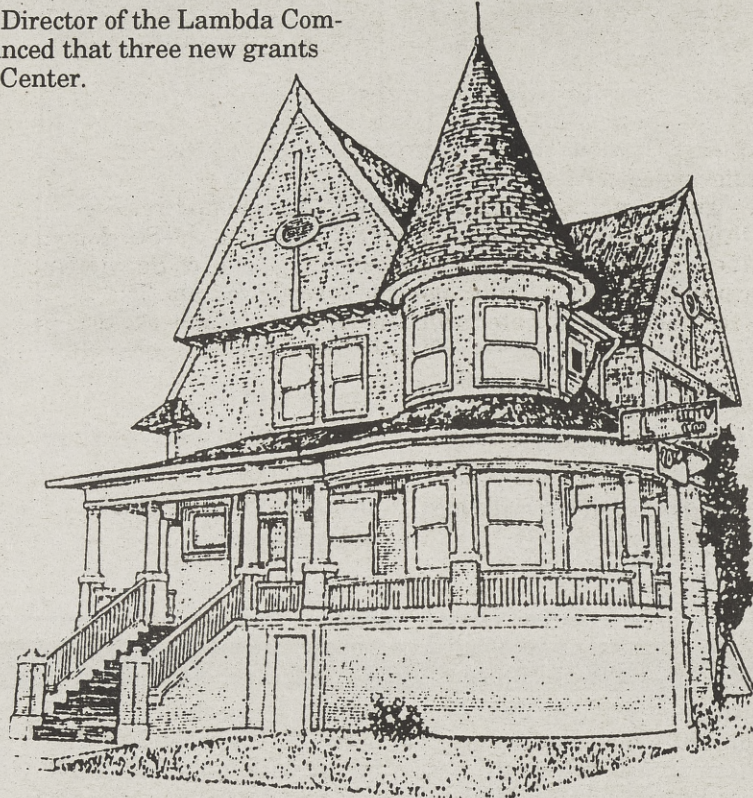


## Center receives new grants

Joanna Cassese, Executive Director of the Lambda Community Center, has announced that three new grants have been awarded to the Center.

The first program to be partially funded comes from DIFFA (Design Industries Foundation For AIDS). The purpose of this funding is to support outreach and education to gay and bisexual males of all ages and ethnicities. "Our county grant was very limiting last year," said Cassese. "Our contract is presently for outreach to men of color and youth. This population is extremely important although we didn't feel as if we were doing a complete job unless we could reach all gay and bisexual men at risk."

The program was designed with significant input from Deputy Director, John Rambo and Health Educator, Craig Spatola. "It has been clear to us that Sacramento has been behind the times with the type of outreach we do," said Spatola. In addition



to modernizing outreach materials and developing three new workshops for men,

this grant allows for the construction of a booth to be placed outside of bars and at special events around town. Safer sex materials and information can be obtained from trained personnel

working the booths. "This program is designed to show that safer sex can be fun and

to increase the self esteem of our men. We hope in turn to save some lives," said Cassese.

According to Rambo, who also is the Volunteer Coordinator, this program must raise at least \$10,000 from the community by way of direct donations and sponsorship of team T-shirts and printed materials. "Grants are not 100% financially supportive," said Rambo. "We need the help of our community to make this and all programs successful. In addition to donors and sponsorships, reliable and dedicated volunteers are required."

With the help of Quintella Smith and Mark Starr from the Sacramento County Department of Health, Lambda will be contracted to assist in an HIV Sero-prevalence Study for gay and bisexual men aged 18-24. "The Lambda Center will be responsible for obtaining at least 500 anonymous blood samples and surveys from our population. Test results and counseling will also be available through Lambda," said Spatola. "It makes us feel good that the County is aware that Lambda is the best place to reach the gay community at

this level."

"The Lambda Youth program for Drug and Alcohol Prevention for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth is crucial for our community. These kids have no where to go but the Lambda Center," said Cassese. From this proposal the County Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Alcohol and Drugs recognized the lack of support to gay youth.

The new program called "Stepping Out" will incorporate AA/NA meetings, competitive events with award ceremonies, motivational speakers and positive role models and encouragement of parental involvement in the Lambda Center. "If I accomplish nothing else but making this program a success my mission at Lambda will be complete," said Cassese. "These kids need us and we need community support."

The budget for this program is \$47,000 with \$30,000 coming from the county grant. The additional money must be raised through sponsorships, donations and community attendance at awards dinners.

Info: 442-0185. ▽

## UC Davis opens L/G/B Center

By Larry Hoover  
MGW/Staff

Amid much celebration, UC Davis opened an office that will provide services and support for the Davis lesbian/gay/bisexual (L/G/B) community.

The office has a library, meeting room and "hot line"

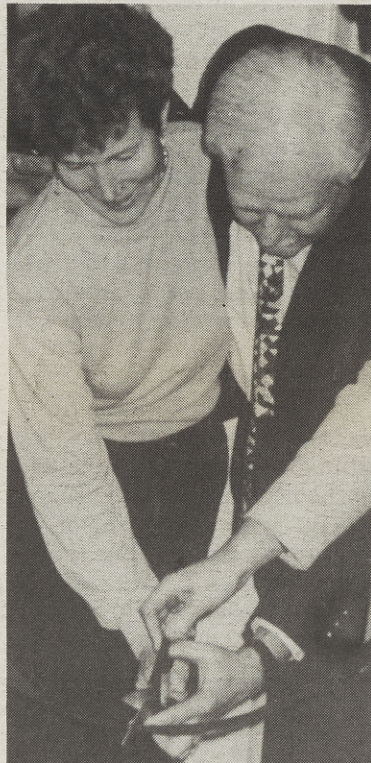


Karen Roth, Chair, L/G/B Resource Center Committee.

phone service. The office will be staffed by volunteers, and

will have regular office hours Monday through Friday from 3-5pm. It is located in Room 128 in TB206 between Meyer Hall and the Reprographics Building.

The space was organized through the strong support of Associate Vice Chancellor Dennis Shimek. Joy Fergoda, past Chair of the Chancellor's Committee of L/G/B issues said "This has been a long time coming! It will provide a home for our community, as well as resources to the campus and community. This



Past chair of the Chancellor's Committee of L/G/B Issues Joy Fergoda and Associate Vice Chancellor Dennis Shimek

no doubt will continue to improve our relationship with others concerned with diversity issues."

Current chair John Dixon echoed Fergoda's views and emphasized the center's role in the education of the community about L/G/B issues. "I invite all L/G/B and L/G/B supportive people to come and visit."

## Other groups at Davis

### Chancellor's Committee on Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Issues

The Chancellor's Committee prepares reports on the "climate" at UC Davis, makes recommendations on curriculum, benefits, services, and hosts a UC Conference (UC Us Everywhere) with over 100 registrants. The Speakers Bureau published the pamphlet "Straight Talk About Homosexuality."

### Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians at Davis (BGLAD)

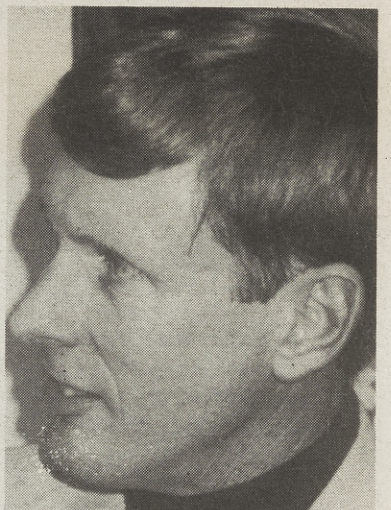
BGLAD is an umbrella organization for other L/G/B student organizations. It serves primarily as an information resource, helps connect students and groups, and assists new groups in forming. BGLAD publishes a quarterly newsletter, maintains a 24 hour voice mail information line, and co-sponsors annual Pride Week activities. BGLAD also sponsors or co-sponsors a variety of social, political and educational events.

### Delta Lambda Phi

Established in 1986, Delta Lambda Phi is a national social fraternity founded by gay men for all men. The Davis chapter began in 1990 with six students.

### Lesbian/Gay Graduates (LGGRAD)

LGGRAD is open to all graduate/professional students, staff and faculty. It is a social organization and holds quarterly events.



John Dixon, Chair, Chancellor's Committee of L/G/B Issues.

### Lambda Law

Lambda Law Students Association provides social activities for the gay and lesbian community and promotes awareness of gay and lesbian issues at King Hall School of Law.

### Gay/Lesbian University Employees (GLUE)

Open to UCD and UCDMC faculty and staff, GLUE meets socially for potlucks on the second Friday of each month. GLUE leaders represent the community on issues affecting employees.

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By Sonya Cox  
AIDS/HIV Editor

## Long-time Survivors...

More and more people are living with AIDS for long periods of time. Scientists tracking long-term HIV survivors want very much to find out why about 12 percent of people develop AIDS within five years of becoming infected with HIV, about 50 percent stay healthy for about a decade, and about one-third of them are still fairly healthy (and a lucky few, very healthy) 13-15 years after being infected. Scientists project that as many as 10 to 17 percent may continue to be free of disease as long as 20 years after infection, and that some may even live out full lives. Researchers are looking at the possibility that some long-term survivors may have inherited stronger genes from their ancestors, or may simply have immune systems that work better. They are concentrating more, however, on growing evidence showing that some people may have a less virulent strain of the virus than others. John Hopkins University scientists say there appear to be strains of the virus that are genetically stable over time, and others that mutate rapidly, causing people to become ill more quickly. This theory is supported by a unique situation that began in Australia over a decade ago. Six people be-

tween the ages of 35 and 77 became infected with HIV from blood transfusions donated by one man. Each received the transfusion for a different reason. To date, all six of them, as well as the donor, remain healthy.

## Jeans and Beer...

The Sacramento Symphony is sponsoring a series of casual, come-as-you-are concerts at the Crest Theater. "Jeans & Beer & Blarney" is a St. Patrick's Day concert (7:30pm on Thursday, Mar. 17) featuring audience sing-alongs and a post-concert party. Just in time for the Apr. 15 tax deadline comes the "Go for B'roke" concert at 7:30 on Thursday, Apr. 14. Broadway tunes, popular songs and a post-concert party — yours for \$15.50 per ticket (call 923-BASS). Tickets for the regular weekend Classics and Pops series range from \$9 to \$45, with a percentage donated to CARES.

## How to tell your kids...

CARES and the Hemophilia Council are co-sponsoring a special, free workshop for HIV parents on "How to talk to your children about your HIV status." The workshop will be held on Saturday, Mar. 12, 10am to 1pm at the Sacramento Blood Center. Call CARES (443-3299) to register. ▼

# Symphony to benefit AIDS organizations

In an effort to expand its outreach program to all communities the Sacramento Symphony has joined with three organizations that provide services and support to people suffering with AIDS.

The Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES), the Lambda Community Center, and the Sacramento AIDS Foundation will receive a percentage of each Sacramento Symphony ticket sold through this special program. The percentage to be donated will depend on the number of tickets sold per recipient charity. 10% will be donated for under 50 tickets sold, 15% for 50-100 tickets, and 20% for over 100 tickets sold per organization.

David Granger, principal bassoon of the orchestra and secretary of the symphony's board of directors, organized the program and has agreed to handle orders so as not to overburden the symphony's already busy ticket office. Music lovers who wish to contribute a portion of their ticket purchase to these charities must call Granger to place their order and designate the organization to receive the contribution. The contributions collected through ticket sales will be donated to the designated charities at the end of the symphony's 1993/4 season (May 15).

Remaining performances of the Sacramento Symphony are:

Feb. 18, 19, 20 - Geoffrey Simon conducts Bernstein &

Stravinsky (Classics)

Mar. 11, 12 - Berlioz' *Symphonie Fantastique* (Classics)

Mar. 12 - Magic Circle Mime Company (Raley's Family Series)

Mar. 17 - Jeans & Beer & Blarney (New Jeans & Beer Series at the Crest)

Mar. 18, 19 - Schumann's *Spring Symphony*

Mar. 20, 21 - An Evening with Henry Mancini (Pops)

Mar. 26, 27 - Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* (Classics)

Apr. 2, 3 - Beethoven's *Eroica Symphony* (Classics)

Apr. 14 - Go For B'roke! (New Jeans & Beer Series at the Crest)

Apr. 30, May 1 - Simon Conducts *La Boheme* (Classics)

May 6, 7 - Dancing with Doc! Doc Severinsen (Pops)

May 8 - Bob Brown Puppets present *Cinderella* (Raley's Family Series)

Single tickets for the Symphony's Classics Series and Pops Series are \$9, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 45. Single tickets for the Raley's Family Concert Series are \$9 for children 16 and under, and \$12 for adults. All performances are at the Sacramento Community Center Theater, 14th and L Streets. Info: David Granger, 447-3542. ▼

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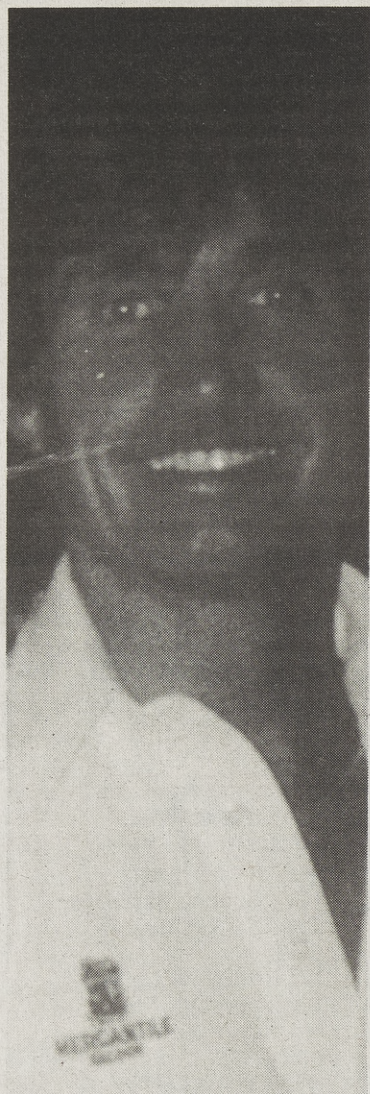
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## Rodney D. Ashley



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He is survived by his sisters Ernestine Ruffin of Dillenburg, PA; Linda Lewis of Yakima, WA and Nancy Jueneman of Rio Linda and many loving nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

A native of Colorado, Rodney was 54. He worked many years as a bartender at the Mercantile Saloon.▼

## Mark A. Baptista

Mark Anthony Baptista died on Thursday, January 13, at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz from complications of AIDS. He was 32 years old.

Loving partner of Stan Carlsen of Sacramento, Mark had resided in the capitol city for nine years. He was a well-respected employee of Capitol Nursery and Talini's Garden Center. Mark was certified by the State of

California as a Registered Nurseryman. His green thumb was envied by friends and family alike.

Mark had left Sacramento in September of 1993 in order to spend his last days with his family in Watsonville, his home town.

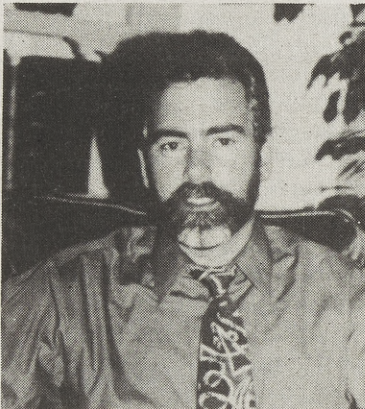
Besides Stan, Mark is survived by his loving parents Alice and Frank, brother David, sisters Debbie and Laurie, niece Stephanie and nephew Christopher— all of Watsonville. Also surviving is a brother, Frankie, of Clearwater, Fla. Mark's very close family also included numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Memorial and Rosary held in Watsonville on the weekend after his death was attended by nearly a hundred friends and family. On February 13, one month after his passing, there will be a celebration of his life at the home of Peter Schwehn and David Yakish from 2 to 6pm.

There will be a Mass said in Mark's honor at St. Francis Catholic Church on March 20, 1994.▼

## Ron Harmon

Ron died peacefully at home in January after a seven month battle with AIDS and Lymphoma. His lover,



Joe Souza, and a few very special friends were at his side. He also leaves behind a mother, two brothers and one sister, all residing in Marysville. Ron was born in 1956.

He will be greatly missed by all who loved him. To those he touched, he was truly special.▼

## James A. Hatton

Survived by his partner in life Gene Harris, his family, and his many friends.

Jim will be fondly remembered and dearly loved by his many friends for his sweetness, gentlemanly manner, unpretentiousness, authenticity, story telling, artistic and culinary talents, love of life, sunsets at the ocean, camping, fireside gatherings, loyalty to friends, reverence for all living things, Chinese food and Bar-b-que ribs, cowboy hat and boots, and above all his dignity until death.

We send you off with joy, Jim, that your suffering is over; with sadness for the void you leave in our lives; but secure in the knowledge that we'll all meet again.

Memorials may be made to Hope House, Box 2161, Sacramento 95812, in lieu of flowers.▼

## Hugh Hayes

Capital City Squares' dancer Hugh Hayes died in January at his home in Stockton at the age of 35. He was a member of the Stockton Corral of Westerners and served on the board of the San Francisco Symphony.

A native of Stockton, Hugh attended San Joaquin Delta College and San Francisco State. He was a vestry at St. John's Episcopal Church in Stockton and worked for 10 years in the banking industry. His great love for good food, however, had recently inspired him to switch careers, and he was taking courses to be a chef at the time he became ill.

Memorial remembrances may be made to the San Joaquin AIDS Foundation, 4410 N. Pershing Avenue, Suite C-6, Stockton 95207.▼

## Dale J. Rezabek

Dr. Rezabek died Jan. 18 in a Sacramento-area hospital. He was 46.

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He joined the staff of the state community college chancellor's office in 1987 to implement the GAIN program, which is designed to help welfare recipients find jobs through education and training.

Dr. Rezabek testified before committees of the Legislature on behalf of the GAIN program. He was honored in May with a legislative resolution drafted by Assemblyman Tom Bates, D-Berkeley, and Sen. Diane Watson, D-Los Angeles, that praised his dedication to the GAIN program and the people it serves.

After receiving a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University, Dr. Rezabek joined the Peace Corps in 1969 and spent two years as a community educator in Panama.

In 1974, shortly after earning a master's degree in community development and Latin American studies at Southern Illinois, he again volunteered for the Peace Corps. He served two years in Guatemala developing agricultural curricula and teaching English as a second language. While in Guatemala, he became coordinator for rural programs with the CARE program.

After returning to the United States, Dr. Rezabek worked for the California Advisory Council on Vocational Education from June 1979 to September 1983 as a research and evaluation consultant. Eventually he

became the council's assistant director and testified before the Legislature on vocational education and employment training bills. He prepared policy analyses and conducted studies on occupational education, employment training and English as a second language.

He received his second master's degree in 1985 and later received a doctorate from Stanford University.

Dr. Rezabek did volunteer work for Catholic Social Services, the Salvation Army, various churches, Loaves & Fishes, and the Hand to Hand Project of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. He also served as a Big Brother and volunteered as a camp counselor for two years at Camp Sunburst, a summer camp for children infected with the AIDS virus. Recently, he helped care for a baby of a woman dying of AIDS.

Survivors include his parents, Marion and Virginia Rezabek of Hamel, Ill.; sisters Marie Wheeler of Florissant, Mo., and Sue Music of Staunton, Ill.; brothers, David Rezabek of Greenville, Ill., Robert Rezabek of Edwardsville, Ill., and Steven Rezabek of Highland, Ill.; and his former wife Sharon K. Joyce of Dixon.

Any donations may be made to Camp Sunburst, 148 Wilson Hill Road, Petaluma, 94952, or to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

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## LOCAL NEWS

## Murders: Count rises

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juevenile runaway in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he allegedly fled after the slaying. He will be charged with murder. A second suspect, an adult male, is also close to arrest.

Kaufman's murder sparked a series of television "teasers" about his murder and then expanded to the other murders. During the report on KXTV Channel 10, Kajitani was "outed" and reporter Dana Howard connected Kajitani's murder to "promiscuous behavior."

Cassese is outraged. "This is a classic example of blame the victim," she said. "I'm sure that word 'promiscuous' was used solely because these crimes are gay related. That's the worst kind of stereotype. If this was happening at non-gay singles bars the words used would be less judgmental."

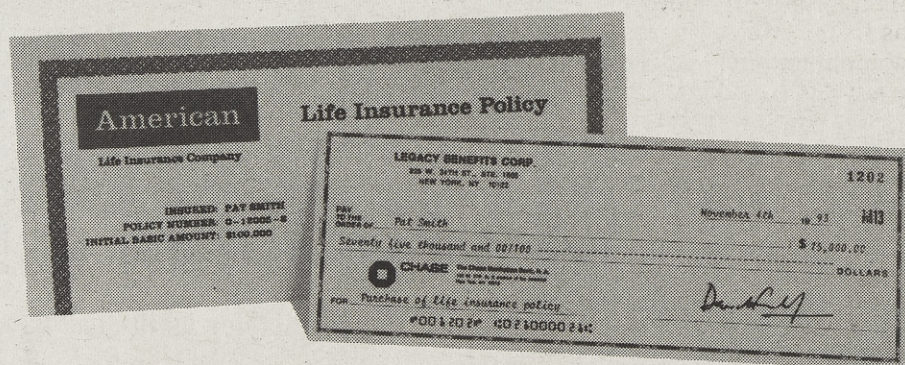
"Not all gay men pick up other men just for sex. Our community has a huge heart. We help one another. We empathize when we see kids who have been thrown out of their homes because they're gay, and we try to help and make things better for them

than some of us had it. In other cases, sometimes people need help, are lonely, want companionship and just a cup of coffee and a little conversation. Nobody—nobody—deserves to be killed for those reasons or any other," Cassese added.

Lambda Board President, Laura Enright has asked for an inquiry into the television report. "As yet, I have not received any information from the television station which would convince me that I should not file a grievance with the Human Rights Commission," Enright said. "I can't imagine what this reporter could have been thinking. I can see warning people about taking strangers into their homes as a general practice for everyone, but this blame the victim mentality is outrageous. I can't imagine what John Kajitani's aged parents must be going through—all for the sake of a 10 second sound bite," Enright said.

MGW Newspaper has since received a direct apology to the lesbian and gay community for on-air comments made by KXTV's Howard.▼

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## Support violence on TV!

Under attack for promoting violence, the major television networks have announced plans to intensively examine the issue as part of their news and informational programming. NBC, CBS and Fox are each producing specials on the subject of growing violence in the United States.

CBS intends to fill prime-time with a three-hour documentary on violence, slated to air in the Fall. Joining with CBS, on the same night, the Fox network will air a program on violence intended for young viewers. NBC has announced plans for a full week devoted to "America the Violent: Fed Up and Fighting Back." That effort will involve NBC's news and entertainment programs.

One question looms large: Will these efforts address the issue of homophobic hate violence? Unfortunately, the major television networks have done a poor job in covering the hate violence beat.

Insist that the plague of homophobic hatred is included in the networks' exploration of violence in America. Contact: Eric Ober, President, CBS News, 524 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019, 10019, 212-975-4321; Andrew Lack, President, NBC News, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112, 212-664-4444; Lucie Salhany, President, Fox Broadcasting, Beverly Hills, CA 90213, 310-277-2211.

## Textbooks: Equity or bigotry?

California Assemblymember Delaine Eastin, a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction in the State's next election, has voiced her support for lesbian, gay and bisexual inclusion in the California public school curriculum. In a recent meeting hosted by S. F. Board of Education President Tom Ammann, Eastin said she recognizes the urgent need for textbooks that include fair and factual information about lesbians, gays and bisexuals. She also said that, as Superintendent of Public Instruction, she would be an advocate for educational equity.

Specifically, Eastin said that she would support legislation similar to a recently enacted Massachusetts law that prohibits discrimination against students in public schools on the basis of sexual orientation. She also said that

she would challenge homophobic sections of the California Education Code, which require the teaching of "honor and respect for monogamous, heterosexual marriage" in all public school textbooks and require parental consent before students can learn about such "controversial" subjects as masturbation and homosexuality. "After all," said Eastin, "the State doesn't require us to first get a parent's permission before teaching geography."

Eastin's support for affirmative education is a welcome sign. California needs strong advocates for educational equity in the Superintendent's Office who can stand up to the homophobic members of the State Board of Education (who are not elected, but appointed by the Governor). Let Eastin—and every candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction—know how important it is for textbooks to treat lesbian and gay subjects with fairness and accuracy. Urge every candidate for this office to make educational equity a top campaign priority. We cannot afford to continue teaching hatred and fear to California's children. The fight against homophobia should begin where the disease itself first takes hold—in our classrooms and textbooks.

Share your thoughts with Delaine Eastin, Assemblymember, California Legislature, 39650 Liberty St., Suite 160, Fremont, CA 94538, 510-791-2151, fax 916-324-2936.

## It's about time

According to the Reuter's news service, media giant Time Warner, Inc. is considering "the creation of a magazine aimed at gay readers." A Time Inc. spokesperson said: "We're exploring the idea and concept at this point. It's at a very preliminary, early stage. A lot of work needs to be done."

Send your very preliminary, early comments and inquiries to Public Affairs Department, Time Warner Inc., 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019, 212-484-8000.

## Place/Matt

Matt, the continuing gay character on *Melrose Place*, has finally met a potential new love interest. On the Feb. 26 episode, Matt meets a stranger over lunch. The two hit it off, flirt a bit, and eventually make plans for a dinner date. However, Matt soon discovers that his new friend is something of a mystery man; he won't give Matt his phone number or reveal what he does for a

living. By the episode's end, though, all is revealed. Matt's date is a closeted Naval officer who feels he must keep his sexual orientation hidden from his family and his government.

It would be great if Matt's new beau could be an open, informed and proud gay man rather than a closet case, but the show's producers are moving Matt's character in the right direction. Besides, *everyone's* life is wretchedly complicated on *Melrose Place*, and Matt's is no exception. Compared to the show's amorous heterosexuals, however, Matt is still a virtual eunuch. But all that could change as this new plot line develops. Keep watching.

Send encouraging comments to Darren Starr, Executive Producer, *Melrose Place*, Spelling Enterprises, 5700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90212.

Doug Savant, the actor who plays Matt, has championed the inclusion of gay characters on TV. Savant expressed his hope that, through exposure to Matt's character, straight viewers will "begin to have the requisite compassion and understanding needed to obliterate the insidious evil that is homophobia." Letters can be sent to Doug Savant, c/o Jay Michael Bloom, 9200 Sunset Blvd., Suite 710, Los Angeles 90069.

## Alternative viewpoints

PBS kicked off the current season of *Viewpoints* with a broadcast of "Damned in the U.S.A."

"Damned in the U.S.A.," a documentary by filmmaker Paul Yule, examines the censorship battles fought by Andres Serrano, 2 Live Crew, Robert Mapplethorpe and other artists. In addition to interviews with artists and their supporters, the documentary also includes the opinions of such censorship proponents as Senator Jesse Helms and American Family Association President Donald Wildmon (who did, in fact, attempt to have this film banned in the U.S.A.).

Upcoming installments in the *Viewpoints* series include "Guerillas In Our Midst," a documentary about the Guerrilla Girls of New York City and their efforts to raise

consciousness concerning the oppression of women and minorities in the U.S. art community. Also scheduled for broadcast this year is "Where We Are Now," by Academy Award-winning filmmakers Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman ("The Times of Harvey Milk"). "Where We Are Now" is described as "a quirky personal-slice-of-American documentary-road movie" featuring everything from "the woman with a miniature Graceland in her front yard" to "the gay former-Marine who served in the Persian Gulf."

*Viewpoints*, now in its fifth season, is dedicated to showcasing independently produced documentaries and videos and presenting "controversial issues and alternative points of view." Send comments to your local public television station.

## From the garbage C.A.N.

The media-savvy Christian Action Network (C.A.N.) has launched a nationwide attack on the United Way. According to a C.A.N. statement: "One of the most powerful organizations in America—the United Way—is now putting homosexual textbooks into the hands of little children. United Way is giving money to a homosexual group called Project 21 to distribute homosexual books into the schools."

Project 21 is a national alliance for curriculum advocacy, coordinated by the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of GLAAD. Project 21 works to ensure that fair, accurate and unbiased information about lesbian, gay and bisexual people is included in public school textbooks. Though the United Way has provided modest support to GLAAD in the past, it has never directly funded any Project 21 effort.

In his campaign against Project 21, Martin Mawyer, C.A.N. president said, "I think many parents are going to be shocked when their child asks for help on their homosexual homework assignments. We tell our children that homosexual sex is a sin, a perversion, even a deadly act. Homosexuals don't have children of their own, so they're going after our kids."

C.A.N. is hoping to gather a million signatures on a petition to the United Way. In part, the petition screams: "As long as the United Way continues to promote homosexuality in our public schools, I will not donate a single penny to your efforts. Doesn't your organization have better things to do than fund filth in our public schools?"

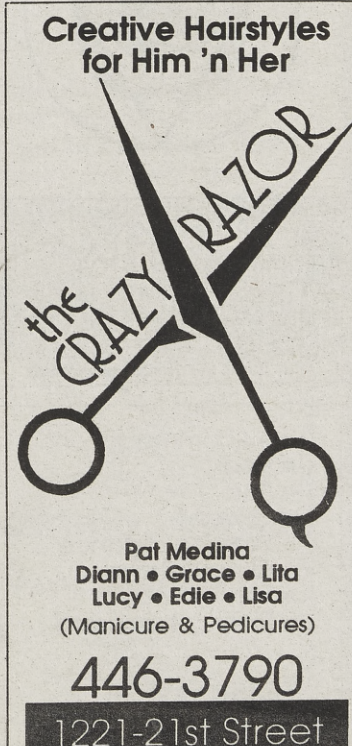
Reportedly, homophobic letters and calls are already rolling into United Way headquarters in Virginia. Karen Davie, Senior Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs, has sent an urgent memo to United Way directors across the country. In that memo, Davie points out that school boards—rather than the United Way—determine what textbooks children may read. She states that the United Way's "General Counsel Charles Kolb is attempting to speak directly with the Christian Action Network to urge that they cease disseminating inaccurate information."

Write or call Elaine Chao, President, United Way, National Headquarters, 701 North Fairfax, Alexandria, VA 22314-2045, tel. (703) 836-7100.

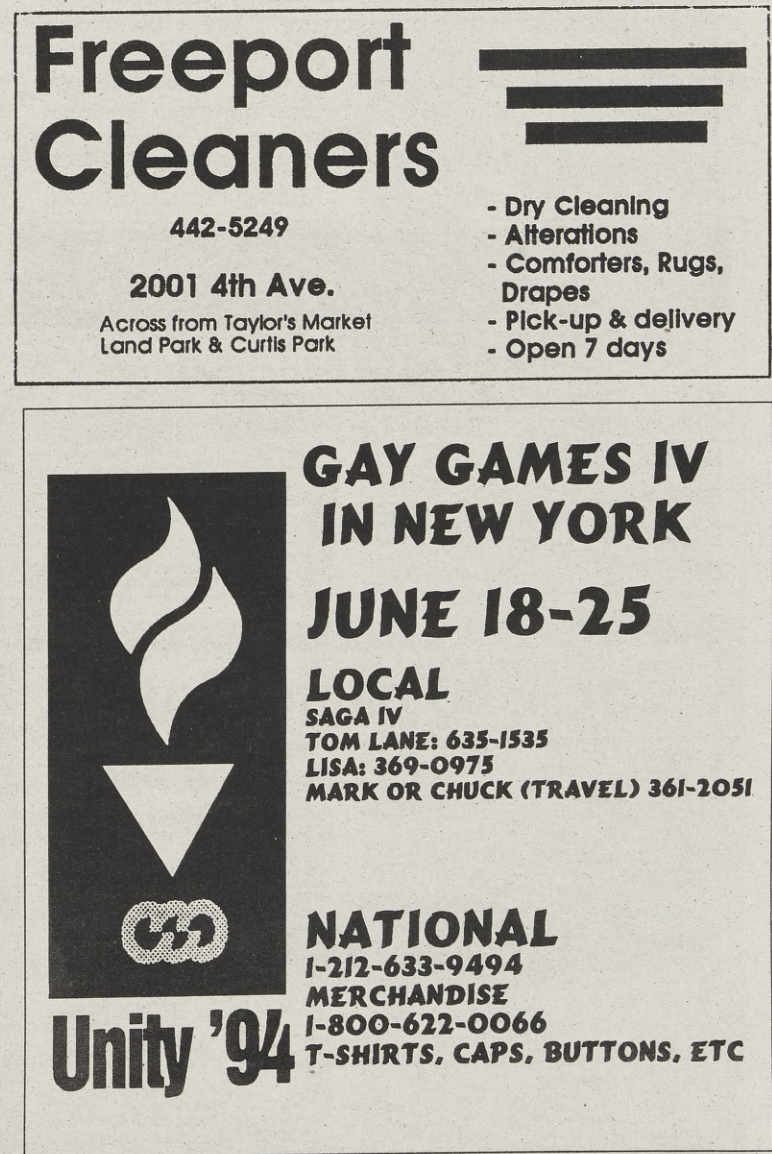
We must confront homophobia in order to cure it! To notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation of any defamatory media coverage, or to request GLAAD membership information, write to GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro Street, Suite B, San Francisco, CA 94114. Call our main office at 415-861-4588; fax, 415-861-4893. Items for this weekly report should be sent to Al Kielwasser at GLAAD/SFBA.



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## TRAVEL

## Gay tours: a tool to defeat Right?

**T**oto Tours, specialists in travel for the gay and lesbian community, out maneuvered the religious right last summer with help from the straight community and by simply being themselves.



Undeterred by threats from religious zealots, these participants in ToTo Tours' first adventure for gay and lesbian parents and their children demonstrated the true meaning of "Family Values."

Dan Ware who started Toto Tours, in Chicago encountered opposition to his adventures last August when he booked the El Rancho Stevens dude ranch in Gaylord, Michigan, for a "Family Values Adventure Weekend." Ware, the parent of two children, said he presented "a vacation opportunity where gay and lesbian parents and their children could enjoy the company of other gay families in a fun-loving, supportive atmosphere that affirms our family values."

Gaylord Calvary Baptist Church Pastor Jon Harwood heard about the weekend, then organized a group called "Citizens of Gaylord for Traditional Family Values" and threatened to picket the ranch, saying: "They call it a family weekend. We don't know where they get their

kids."

Harwood said they objected to the gay group the same way they would if a group of thieves or child molesters were planning a weekend in Gaylord. Asked if he meant gays were as dangerous as thieves and child molesters, he said: "Yes, I do think they would be as dangerous." Ware did not cancel the trip.

Steve Stevens, manager of El Rancho Stevens, said, "I think some people are overreacting. We're a dude ranch. We book families. We don't ask what kind of family. We do not discriminate." Sarah Wallace wrote to Stevens, saying "I would like to commend you on your 'business-is-business' attitude toward the upcoming gay weekend. Thank you for standing up for real American values."

James Flint, a Gaylord

attorney, wrote in a letter to the *Gaylord Herald Times*: "Down through the ages some so-called community leaders have attempted to paint certain other individuals as different, unworthy, dirty and impure in hopes of achieving power, revenge or pain. History has shown us that such leaders are dangerous

people and unworthy of our respect."

The paper's publisher, Jim Grisso, editorialized: "Shame on Pastor Harwood."

Ware, his children, and other participants in the tour were a little nervous as they arrived at the dude ranch, envisioning possible confrontations with unruly hordes of religious zealots. They were relieved to find they were greeted only by reporters and cameras. Reverend Harwood refused requests for interviews but said through his wife, "We canceled the demonstration because we think we've made our point."

Toto Tours plans less confrontational expeditions to Hawaii in March, Costa Rica in April and the Russian River in May. Info: Toto Tours, 1326 West Albion Ave., Chicago IL 60626. 312-274-8686 or fax 312-274-8695. ▼



## SPORTS &amp; FITNESS

Record number of athletes register

## The largest Games ever

**W**ith the final deadline still over two months away, the organizers of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival announced they have already received 7,776 registrations from around the world for the June event.

Those numbers exceed Gay Games III, which was the largest athletic event held anywhere in 1990. Gay Games III, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, featured 7,250 people in 29 different sporting events. Participation numbers have doubled each time the Games have been held. Gay Games I in San Francisco in 1982 included 1,300 athletes. Gay Games II in 1986, also in San Francisco, had 3,500 athletes.

Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival, to be held June 18-25, is an Olympic-style sporting and cultural event open to all. More than 15,000 athletes are expected to participate in 31 team and individual sports in venues located throughout the New York City Metro area.

Applications will be

accepted through Mar. 31 in sports with available space. "We're enthusiastic about these numbers," said Jay Hill, Executive Director of Gay Games IV. "We're on target to be the largest athletic event ever held." The 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona had 10,568 athletes.

Gay Games IV will also feature a Cultural Festival, the largest assemblage of lesbian and gay culture and will include world-renowned artists and lesser known performers in a variety of artistic disciplines, including music, theater, film, sculpture, history, architecture, literature, performance art and photography.

The deadline for project proposals is Mar. 1. Info: 212-633-9494. ▼

## Games gear up with rally

**S**acramento is invited to a major local pride rally to gear up for activities that will take place in New York on Thursday, Feb 17, from 7-9pm at the River City Metropolitan Community Church Grand Ballroom, 2741 34th St.

Local and national representatives from Stonewall 25, "Raise The Rainbow" and the Gay Games will be on hand to answer questions about the biggest combined celebration of gay pride in history.

The rally will feature guest speakers including Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, plus brochures, travel information and on-site event registration for Raise the Rainbow.

Stonewall 25 will provide information on the International March on the United Nations to Affirm the human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People. The March call upon the United Nations and its member nations to protect the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people, and people who have AIDS or who are HIV positive, under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Jones will introduce "Raise the Rainbow," the first

major fundraising project of the Stadtlanders Foundation, the world's largest, one-mile long rainbow flag to be



unfurled one time only, during the Stonewall 25 March.

Every individual who registers to carry the flag will receive a commemorative strip of the flag following the event. All costs are underwritten by Stadtlanders Pharmacy, every dollar donated will go directly to benefit AIDS organizations nationwide.

A spokesperson will be on hand to introduce Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival. The event is open to all, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation or HIV status. Games organizers expect 15,000 athletes from over 40 countries to participate in 31 sports, with an additional 5,000 Cultural festival participants and 500,000 spectators. Info: 1-800-NYC-1994. ▼

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What's the difference?

# Hustler or prostitute

Reviewed by Joseph R. Heller, Ph.D.  
MGW/Writer

**Understanding the Male Hustler.** By Sam Steward. New York: Harrington Park Press, 1991. (134 pages)  
**Male Prostitution.** By Donald J. West in association with Buz de Villiers. New York: Harrington Park Press, 1993. (358 pages)

It is Bill Cohen, the publisher of Harrington Park Press (a subsidiary of Hayworth Press), who we can thank for the appearance of these two different books on "the same" topic. They are part of Hayworth Press's superb Gay and Lesbian Studies series.

likely to be a long one only if one survives in this day of drug use and HIV disease. In "I will. I won't. Maybe. I'm a specialist" the participants in the book's dialogue "adapt the Kinsey '0 to 6' scale to the activities in which hustlers engage" [this would have been a perfect place for a comment on the J. Bryan semiotics discussed later]. These vary from the zero "faire la planche - 'making the plank' type (who lies there, silent, arms crossed behind his head while receiving a blow job) to the six who, if paid enough and feeling enough in control to set limits (unless, as has been known to happen, he's so drugged up he doesn't really know what is happening to him) that he will undergo a

money and you takes your choice.

Of course sometimes it is the john who is on the receiving end of these ministrations. The chapter on "Power" discusses some of these issues of who is really in control.

Finally, "Sailing on Perilous Seas: Hustling in the Dark Age" and "In Faerie Lands Forlorn: Is It Then at an End" discuss both the fatal dangers of AIDS and how "Time and gravity, the great enemies of beauty, cannot be avoided," but there are other options from a legitimate retirement (for which one must save enough money or have some other marketable skills on which to fall back) to somewhere there is someone who will be attracted to you (like falling in love, however, there is no guarantee this someone can be found "in time").

What is wrong with this book? My biggest complaint is that it is far too short. Despite its casual nature, there are more anecdotes and much more detail which the author could have added. While the author does do a good job of discussing runaways and their initiation into hustling as a way of survival, there is too little attention given to today's all too frequent big city practice of hustling to support a drug habit (obviously, far from limited to male-male sex). Some of the early body building photos (J. Bryan's which he discusses, and others) were also used as sales catalog for finding hustlers. Since they could not be as bold as today's classified ads, photos often had various symbols (semiotics) scratched into the negative. When properly deciphered these symbols told exactly what the model would do for money. I well recall my partner at the time (the early 1960's) who was a criminology major at UC, Berkeley and how he proudly deduced what these symbols meant; they were a predecessor and parallel to today's hankies.

The book is good on the dangers of HIV and how to adapt to that, but the reality is that too many of us (hustling or not) "slip."

The same topic is discussed in relation to today's porn video industry. Do its stars disappear because their faces have grown old or because they have become ill;

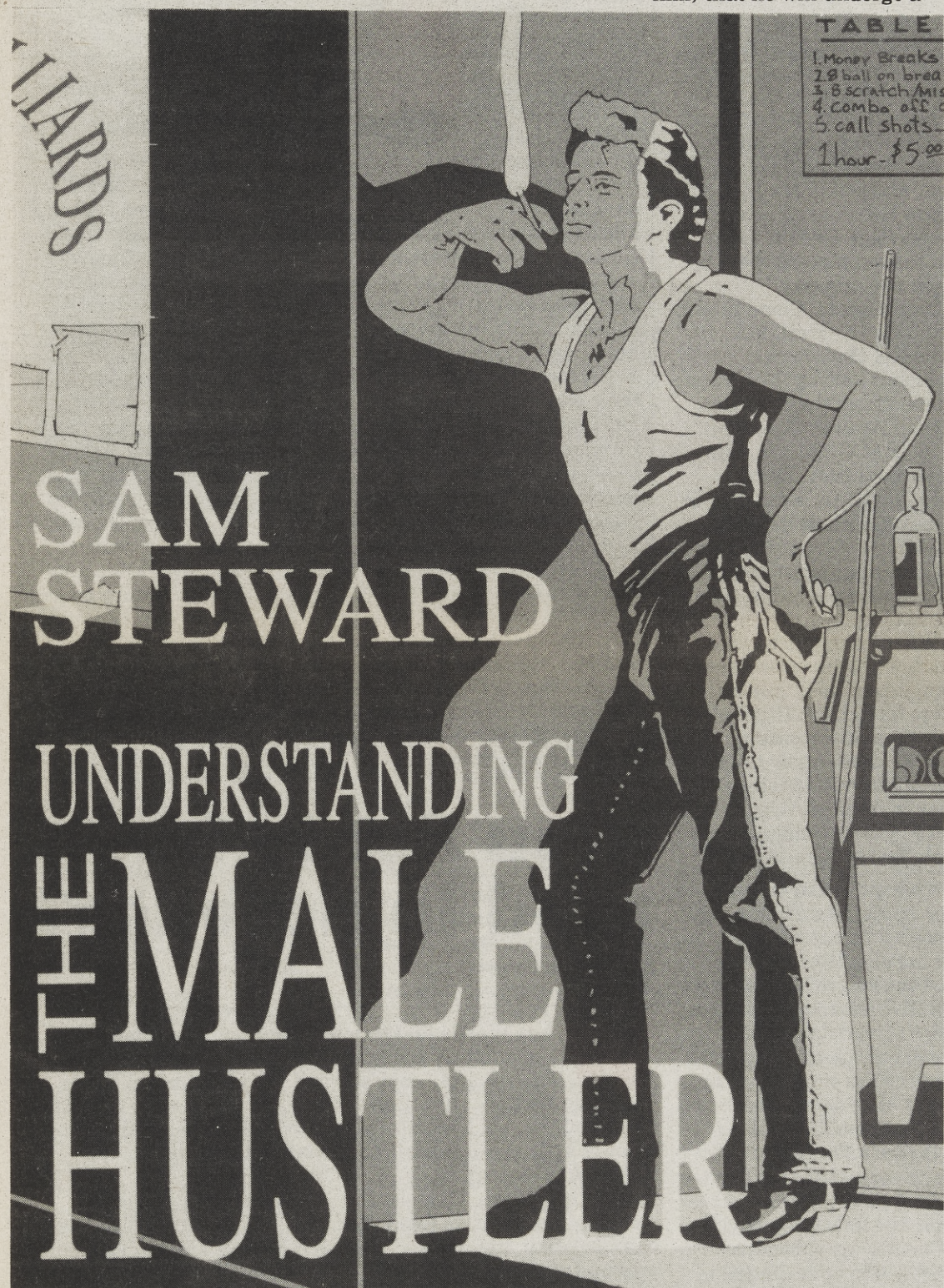
in too many cases the unfortunate truth may be the latter.

The book by West and deVilliers is very different from Steward's, but, nonetheless, not difficult reading. It is a lengthy report of academic field research, specifically 139 tape recorded, structured interviews with 50 London "rent boys" who attended the "Streetwise Youth Day Centre," eleven other Centre attendees, 29 current and former street workers from London and abroad, 27 self-employed masseurs, 16 social agency workers and six clients and miscellaneous informants. So we are dealing with a very limited, specialized sample here, and biased recruiting sources.

The interviewees were paid £10 each (about \$18 at the time; some, e.g. high priced masseurs didn't want the money) and the main sample of 50 was 16-25 years old.

While this is an academic rather than popular book it is easy reading and, leaving out many parts because of the narrow British sample and

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Samuel M. Steward, Ph.D., a.k.a. Phil Sparrow, nom de plume Phil Andros, was for twenty years a university professor of English, for eighteen years a tattoo artist in Chicago and Oakland, and has been for at least twenty-seven years an author of gay literature - including pornography. In *Understanding the Male Hustler*, which makes for a good summer night's reading, Steward writes "a largely imagined series of dialogues between a well-known fictional hustler (Andros) and his so called amanuensis" (one employed to take dictation or copy manuscript).

The pun here (*cum manu* - by hand - being slang for a hand job) is only one example

of how Steward's academic background has a positive influence on much of his writing.

The book's table of contents give a good preview of its details (although a total of 134 pages is far too little to do justice to this complex topic). Chapters include: "Backwards, Turn Backwards, O Time ...," which describes both hustling in the classical Greek and Roman eras as well as earlier in U.S. history. "Portrait of the Hustler as a Young Man" discusses, among other things, the "youth is beauty" issue. "Little Lamb [or Tyger]: What Made Thee [Start It]?" addresses the lures of money and power and "the skills necessary for the post-hustling period," which is

full body shave only then to be "painted" with who knows what, put in a sling and fisted (or footed); you pays your

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Odd happenings at Camp Sister Spirit

# What's in a name?

By Marghe Covino  
MGW/Staff

**W**anda Henson is exhausted. Chronic back pain, stress and unrelenting personal attacks all take their toll at Camp Sister Spirit, but she's managed to keep her sense of humor intact.

"We got another threatening letter and we were finally assigned an F.B.I. agent. On Jan. 20 when he came out here I could barely keep a straight face — his name is 'Agent Lawless,'" Wanda laughed.

However, Wanda says, the dilemma of Sheriff's Sgt. Larry Dykes is even better. "We've been having a problem with a school bus that stops at our gate and honks the horn and then the kids all open the windows and yell, 'faggot, faggot, faggot,' at us," Wanda said.

"As educators we don't consider it to be good policy to encourage children to become bigots so we reported these incidents to the school board and to the sheriff's department. When the Sergeant came out to take the report, I couldn't resist doing a little southern belle stuff so wide-eyed and breathless I told him, 'Why Sergeant, y'all know we're not the faggots — we're the dykes!' He put his hand up over his name tag like he'd been shot. They've been calling us 'those lesbians, les-bins, les-buns,' and other variations for so long I guess they forgot about dyke. It kinda shook him up a little," Wanda chuckled.

Wanda reports that during the past week, after a great deal of negotiation, the

U.S. Department of Forestry came out to the property to dig firelanes and clear underbrush. "We were able to get moved up on the list because of the bomb threats we received. We've been hearing explosions down by the gate — they're hard enough to knock books off the shelves in the house and on January 22nd our rainbow flag was stolen. But the local police minimize what we tell them. Even the police report on the dog which was read at the first town meeting was falsified when they claimed there were not bullet holes in that poor animal — and there were!"

The federal Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms takes the incidents much more seriously than the local police and has been assigned to investigate bomb threats and possible criminal trespass on the women's property.

Wanda is the dark-haired, feisty Henson and Brenda, the more placid of the two. However, in the face of the destruction of their dream of having an educational retreat for women who are poor, battered, illiterate and living on a sub-poverty level, Brenda tells the religious right bigots, "You kicked this soap box up under my feet — now I'm gonna take a stand on it".

The women report that

news of a bomb threat to their home was reported anonymously to a local country-western radio station. "Someone called in to alert them that some people were gonna bomb us and the F.B.I. was notified," they said. "We also filed papers with the ATF invoking the Anti-Klan Act of 1964 which states that people can't have meetings for the unlawful purpose of depriving citizens of their constitutional rights. In addition government employees, like the sheriff and deputies cannot participate in such meetings," the Henson's said.

They fight back in little ways, unwilling to be passive victims. Wanda, who is a gadget freak, just got a paint sprayer. "You know, you just can't get good lavender paint in spray cans so this is going to work just fine. If they keep messing with us every tree on this place is going to be lavender, believe me. And please," she added, "ask people who can to send us rainbow flags — any size rainbow flags are OK, I just want to keep putting them up all over the property."

Send flags to: Camp Sister Spirit, Box 12, Overt, MS 39464. The Hensons are anxiously awaiting the arrival of women from the Bay Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue (BACOR) and their counterparts from Sacramento, SACOR. According to attorney and clinic defender, Alison Gude, the local women are still trying to raise money for transportation to Mississippi.

"We're hoping to be able to get down there within two weeks," Gude said, "but we want to have 15 or 20 people going there on a rotating basis. We desperately need small or large donations of money or frequent flyer tickets." Please send to: Box 19261, Sacramento, 95819.▼

targeting them and Camp Sister Spirit, as well as a copy of the mail threat. The Hensons also directly contacted the FBI in Mississippi.

NGLTF has called on the Department of Justice to intervene by monitoring and mediating the situation. In a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno, NGLTF Executive Director Peri Jude Radecic requested that the Department of Justice intervene in the following ways: the Community Relations Service perform mediation in the community to alleviate the potential for violence; the FBI monitor the situation for any possible hate crimes; and the Civil Rights Division investigate any attempts to violate the Hensons' civil rights.

"The FBI investigation is an important step towards insuring the safety and rights of the Hensons," said Robin Kane, NGLTF Public Information Manager. "NGLTF continues to stress the need for the Attorney General to direct the Community Relations Service to mediate. This situation highlights how the absence of federal civil rights laws that include sexual orientation prevent federal agencies from protecting the rights of a lesbian and bisexual citizens."▼



ening incidents aimed at the Hensons so that the agency could determine whether any of the incidents violate federal criminal code and could be cause for an investigation.

NGLTF contacted the Hensons and received a chronological list of incidents

## Local effort to aid Sister Spirit

**L**esbians in Sacramento, Santa Rosa, and San Francisco have organized the Sister Spirit Defense Committee to raise money and send supporters to Overt, Mississippi, where Brenda and Wanda Henson are under attack for being lesbians.

The Hensons produce the Gulf Coast Women's Music Festival, run a food bank and a literacy program, and are currently building "Camp Sister Spirit" a feminist educational and cultural center.

In the last several months, these lesbians have been under attack by the local residents of Overt, Mississippi where the camp is located. Several violent and threatening incidents have been reported by the Hensons including discovering a dead female dog shot in the stomach hanging on their mailbox, death threats and bomb threats received through the mail, called into local radio stations, and by telephone to the two women. Nightly gun shots across their land and anti-lesbian notes left at their mailbox have also been reported.

These incidents have been publicized by the women's appearance on the *Oprah Winfrey Show* and ABC's *20/20* news program.

The local townspeople of Overt have met twice to

discuss ways to run the Hensons out of Overt, stating fears that the Hensons would recruit girls and women to lesbianism. Public officials are researching the state anti-sodomy laws. The local sheriff has attended these meetings and was seen raising money for "The Concerned Citizens of Overt."

"These women are under

attack because they are lesbians," declared Alison Gude, a Sister Spirit Defense Committee organizer. "We call on all lesbians and gay men to support these women with their bodies or their wallets. An attack on one of us is an attack on all."

The Sister Spirit Defense Committee is working on several fundraisers in Northern California and is looking for women and men who can go to Mississippi to protect the Henson's land.

For more information about upcoming events and how to support these women, please call: Sharon Fleming, 415-661-7028 (San Francisco); Lucy Galindo, 916-455-9509 (Sacramento); Lucie James, 707-573-1142 (Santa Rosa).▼



## Klan Act to be used in defense?

By Marghe Covino  
MGW/Staff

**W**hen Wanda and Brenda Henson picked a lawyer to defend their rights at Camp Sister Spirit in Overt, Mississippi—they selected David Daniels of Biloxi, Little did they know they had hired the real life embodiment of Atticus Finch from *To Kill A Mockingbird*. In defense of his clients, Daniels, a straight, conservative Republican Christian, has invoked the criminal statute of the Anti-Klan Act of 1875.

"In Section 242," Daniels said, "there is the provision for a \$10,000 fine and 10 years in prison. My problem is getting the Justice Department to understand that the Act has no requirement that there first be an action by the state in order for it to go into effect. The Act can be invoked by private citizens," he said.

Daniels, who says he refuses to be locked into the belief that homosexuality is wrong or sinful, says, "The Bible says a lot of things, it can be used to prove almost anything you want to say, but that's just not Christianity."

Oddly, while this Mississippi lawyer suddenly finds himself a gay rights attorney, attorneys for Lambda Legal Defense Fund in New York

Beatrice Dohrn of the Fund's New York office and Jeff Fong of Los Angeles think the Colorado court decision, which found Amendment 2 to be unconstitutional, would not be sufficient to apply.

In the face of eight new state initiatives, gay legal strategy seems to be one of "wait and see" until something gets to the U.S. Supreme Court and the issue can be addressed on a federal level. Fong however, was frank in his admission that he is not familiar with the Klan Act and was open to further discussion on the subject.

David Daniels was clearly excited about the idea of civil remedies to be found in section 1985 of the Klan Act. "It seems to me that the law is pretty clear," he said, "just because there isn't too much case law to go on doesn't mean

## FBI looks at Camp Sister threat

**T**he FBI has launched an investigation into the volatile situation in Overt, Mississippi. Two lesbians in Overt have been harassed and threatened, and opponents have organized town meetings to condemn the women and their feminist retreat and plot ways to force them from town.

The FBI initiated the investigation after Brenda and Wanda Henson of Camp Sister Spirit received a threat through the U.S. mail, which is a federal offense.

On Jan. 11, the Hensons received through the mail a defaced news article about themselves and Camp Sister Spirit with a threatening message hand-written beneath the original headline. The letter was handed over to the FBI.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) forwarded a copy of the letter to the U.S. Department of Justice Jan. 12. Justice officials said at the meeting that because sexual orientation is not included in federal civil rights laws, the agency could only launch an investigation if there are violations of other generally applicable federal statutes.

NGLTF agreed to forward to the Justice Department details of violent and threat-



# Anti-gay laws on ballots of eight states

**E**ight states, from coast to coast and border to border, now have initiatives that would ban discrimination protections for gay, lesbian and bisexuals and represent what activists at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) say is an unprecedented nationwide attack by the Christian far right.

In a report released on Jan. 10 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., NGLTF outlined the far right's attack on gays/lesbians and bisexuals, articulated the right's broader agenda behind its anti-gay campaign, and detailed a grassroots plan of action to repel the Christian right and build a stronger gay/lesbian/bisexual movement. The report, "The Right Response: NGLTF Fight the Right Activities in 1993," de-

be protected by civil rights laws, but intentionally omits sexual orientation.

Language varies with each initiative but typically the measures are framed as "no special rights" or "no protected minority status." Often the actual wording links homosexuality with pedophilia. For example, the Arizona initiative, typical of

non-binding question on the November ballot: "Should the Portsmouth City Council enact an anti-discrimination law that protects on the basis of sexual orientation?" Voters said no. And in Cincinnati, voters passed an initiative that struck sexual orientation from the local civil rights law. Other attacks in Cobb County, Georgia, Oregon and elsewhere were chronicled.

NGLTF reported on other states targeted for intensified far right action in 1994, including California, Colorado, Kentucky, Montana, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Ohio.

These far right campaigns, say NGLTF activists, are the forefront of a broader attack strategy of the Christian Fundamentalist right that invokes racism, homophobia and national economic and cultural insecurity.

"I believe these anti-gay campaigns are merely another vehicle through

## The new battlegrounds

Note: "Colorado Amendment 2 Clone" generally means the initiative, if passed, would repeal existing protections against discrimination for gays, lesbians and bisexuals, and prohibit passage of future such protections. This, essentially, was what Colorado's Amendment 2 did when it was passed in Nov. 1992.

### ARIZONA

- Constitutional Amendment, Colorado Amendment 2 Clone
- Pre-election challenge is currently being prepared
- Governor Symington has condemned the initiative
- 158,311 signatures needed by July to qualify for Nov. ballot
- PROPOSERS: Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona, Frank Meliti, director (receiving counsel and financial support from Rev. Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition based in Southern California)
- PROBABLE OPPONENTS: Arizona Human rights Fund, 602/530-1660, David Blais

### FLORIDA

- Constitutional Amendment, lists groups to be protected (race, gender, etc.), but purposely omits sexual orientation
- Pre-election challenge has been filed and is pending
- Repeals laws that include sexual orientation, bans future such laws
- 400,000 signatures needed by July to qualify for Nov. ballot
- PROPOSERS: American Family Association of Florida, David Caton, director (receiving petition drive support from the Christian Coalition of Jacksonville)
- PROBABLE OPPONENTS: Floridians United Against Discrimination, 813-238-0330, Nadine Smith

### IDAHO

- Statutory, Colorado Amendment 2 Clone
- Pre-election challenge failed
- About 36,000 signatures needed by July to qualify for Nov. ballot
- Prohibits public funds from being used to "promote homosexuality," opponents say this is dangerous because it can be very broadly interpreted (e.g. no gay pride parades, school diversity programs, etc.)
- PROPOSERS: Idaho Citizens Alliance, Kelly Walton
- PROBABLE OPPONENTS: Idaho Voices for Human Rights, 208-336-7351, Jill Kuraitis; Your Family, Friends and Neighbors, Inc. Idaho for Human Dignity, 208-344-4295, John Hummel.

### MAINE (Failed to qualify for ballot)

### MICHIGAN

- Constitutional Amendment, Colorado Amendment 2 Clone ("Michigan Family Values Amendment")
- Pre-election challenge is being evaluated
- 256,457 petition signatures needed by July 1994 to qualify for Nov. 1994 ballot.
- PROPOSERS: Michigan Family Values Committee, George Matousek
- PROBABLE OPPONENTS: Michigan Campaign for Human Dignity, 810/399-7974

### MISSOURI

- Constitutional Amendment, Colorado Amendment 2 Clone
- Pre-election challenge has been filed and is pending
- 120,689 petition signatures needed by July 1994 to qualify for Nov. 1, 1994 ballot.
- Would repeal gay rights laws in Kansas City, Columbia, Festus, and St. Louis
- PROPOSERS: Amendment Coalition
- PROBABLE OPPONENTS: Show Me Equality, 816-753-1672, David Weeda

### NEVADA (See accompanying article)

### OREGON

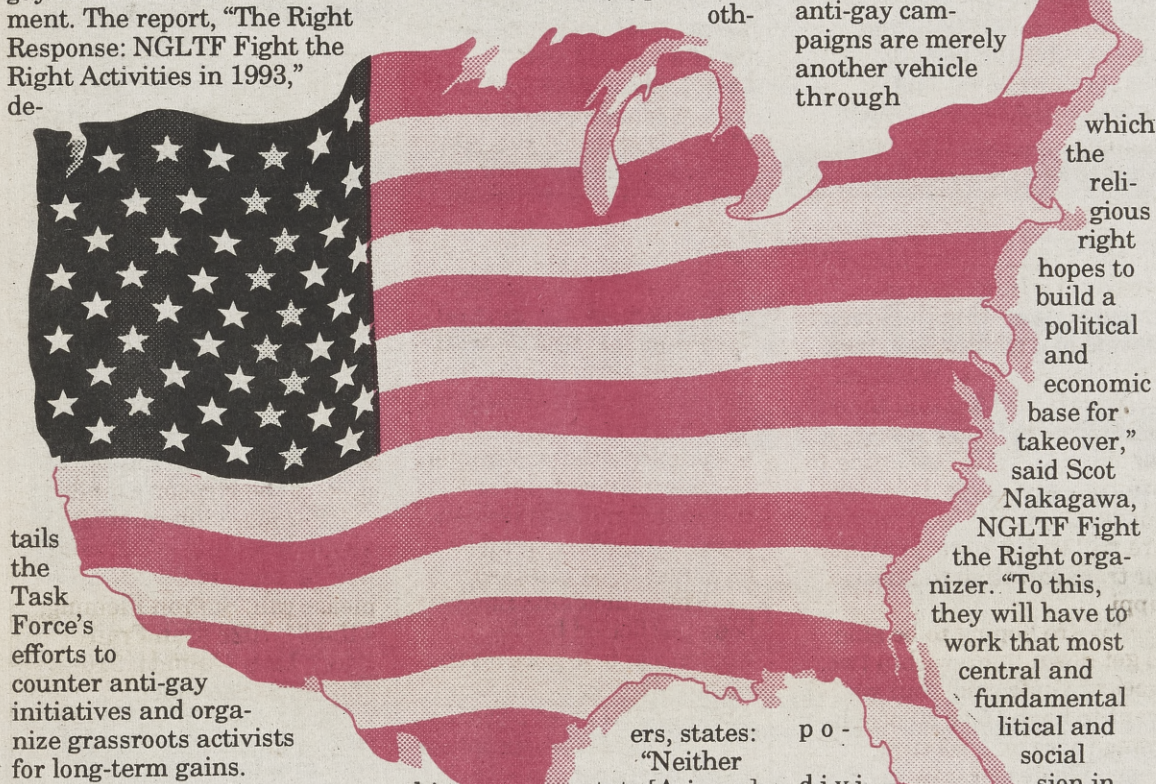
- Constitutional Amendment, Colorado Amendment 2 Clone
- Pre-election challenge has been filed and is pending
- So far, local anti-gay laws passed in the following counties: Josephine, Douglas, Linn, Klamath, and Jackson; and in the following cities: Cornelius, Junction City, Canby, Sweethome, Molalla, Estacada, Lebanon, Medford, Oregon City, Keiser, Cresswell, and Springfield (1992)
- 89,000 petition signatures needed by July to qualify for Nov. 1994 ballot
- PROPOSERS: Oregon Citizens Alliance, Lon Mabon
- PROBABLE OPPONENTS: Save Our Communities Political Action Committee, 503/222-6151

### WASHINGTON

- Constitutional Amendment, Colorado Amendment 2 Clone
- Pre-election challenge is being prepared
- 181,667 petition signatures needed by July 1994 to qualify
- PROPOSERS: Citizens Alliance of Washington; Robert Laramer, director, recently asked by Lon Mabon, head of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, to step down because he was not "aggressive" enough. Mabon was quoted in The Oregonian saying, "We are the 82nd Airborne, we are the Marines... [there are casualties] when you hit the beach."
- PROBABLE OPPONENTS: Washington Citizens for Fairness, 206-233-1932

### AUSTIN, TEXAS

- A measure to repeal the city's domestic partner benefits program for city employees
- Pre-election challenge is being evaluated
- PROPOSERS: Concerned Texans, Inc., Rev. Charles Bullock, 513-453-0017
- PROBABLE OPPONENTS: Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, Diane Hardy-Garcia, 512-474-5475.t



According to the report, eight states currently have filed language for initiatives that deny protection against discrimination for gay men, lesbians and bisexuals: Idaho, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, Missouri, Michigan, Florida and Washington. (See "The new battlegrounds," this section, for details.) Signatures to place these initiatives on ballots in November 1994 have or are being collected. All but one — Idaho — amend state constitutions. Idaho's measure is a statutory law. The initiatives, if passed, in general would repeal existing anti-discrimination laws for gays, lesbians and bisexuals and prevent the passage of such laws in state or local jurisdictions (similar to 1992's Amendment 2 in Colorado). The initiative being considered in Florida lists groups to

ers, states: "Neither through any of its branches or departments, nor any of its agencies, political subdivisions, municipalities or school districts, shall enact, adopt or enforce any statute, regulation, ordinance or policy whereby, homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation are the basis of, or entitle any person or class of persons to status or claim of discrimination."

The report presented information on other anti-gay/lesbian/bisexual attacks waged by the far right. In Lewiston, Maine, the religious right waged a law that included sexual orientation. The anti-gay group Concerned Maine Families failed, however, to submit the necessary signatures to qualify the initiative for the November ballot. In Portsmouth, N.H., opponents of gay rights put a

divi-our soci-the color They are able to use gays, lesbians and bisexuals as stand-ins for other minority groups to agitate white people around the 'dangers' of quotas, affirmative action and minority status, while creating the impression that we don't all start out theoretically with equal protection, but that protection is conferred to minorities by the majority. We must win individual campaigns, but we must also nurture and participate in the building of a united front to defend democracy."

As part of its 1993 activities, NGLTF's "Fight the Right" project sponsored or participated in about 40 trainings, presentations and strategy sessions in 18 states

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## Mabon files in Nevada

By Marghe Covino  
MGW/Staff

**L**on Mabon, leader of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, filed an anti-gay initiative in Nevada, Tuesday, Jan. 25. While filing the initiative Mabon complained that critics who characterize him and his followers as intolerant are "misinformed."

Proponents will need just 51,000 signatures to qualify the initiative for the Novem-

ber ballot. Mabon predicts success of the initiative because Nevada is "conservative and doesn't have a large homosexual community."

When word of the proposed initiative reached Nevada Governor Bob Miller last week he warned against "its message of intolerance and discrimination."

Mabon warned that Miller, "will ultimately pay the price" for opposing the legislation.

Nevada gay rights activ-

ists promise an all-out campaign to battle the initiative and some business leaders have expressed fear that it could result in a boycott of Nevada's tourist-dependent economy.

Mabon, apparently ready for that eventuality, stated he is working to reverse any potential economic damage by encouraging supporters of these initiatives in other states to take vacations in Nevada. ▽



IN CONCERT

# Jazzing with Duke Ellington

Reviewed by Nancy Flagg  
MGW / Staff

**M**arcus Roberts, music director for the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra proclaimed, "We're here to swing," as opened a recent performance at the Sacramento Community Center. And swing they did. And balladeered. And blew the blues. By the time the evening ended, the Orchestra had played something for all tastes, but with a focus on Duke Ellington's music.

The Orchestra, created in 1988 by Wynton Marsalis and David Berger for New York's Lincoln Center, is fueled by its desire to establish the unique-

powerful brass, woodwinds, piano, bass and drums, did their best to fulfill the mission.

Credit goes to the director who effectively modulated the



Marcus Roberts Courtesy Jack Vartoogian

ly American jazz genre as a fine art form. The tuxedo-clad ensemble in the Sacramento performance, consisting of

program tempo by interspersing fast with slow numbers, solo with group performances and film clips of Duke

Ellington and Louis Armstrong. The program included compositions by Thelonious Monk, "King" Oliver, Charles Mingus,



Nicholas Payton

Count Basie and more. A few of the wilder, improvisational pieces with every band member blasting full force, took some getting used to. They sounded harsh and piercing at the height of their

intensity, if you weren't carried away by the passion.

In contrast, it was impossible to resist the charm of vocalist Milt Grayson, a dapper man with a big, billowing bass voice. He swung and swayed his way through "Drop Me Off in Harlem" and an encore number.

The highlight of the concert was Joe Temperly's rendition of "Sunset and the Mockingbird". His slow, baritone saxophone solo had to have been one of the most sensuous and romantic instrumentals ever played.

Marcus Roberts performed a melodic piano piece he wrote for Jelly Roll Morton and a small ensemble played several rollicking, foot-tapping numbers in New Orleans dixieland style. Certainly, if there were a prize for the Best Song Title, it would go to "Magnolias Dripping With Molasses" by Duke Ellington.

At one point in the evening, Marcus Roberts introduced a band member



Joshua Redman

with "If you ever get a chance to (jam) with him, you should do that." Sacramento jazz audiences should follow his advice if they ever get a chance again to hear the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra ▼

## THEATER

An interview with Thom Bach

# Lambda Players go Psycho

By Dewey Coeueur  
Guest Writer

**G**idget. The name alone conjures images of Sandra Dee, Karen Valentine and Sally Field romping along the California coastline. Gidget is the quintessential '60s teenager. Not so in Lambda Player's upcoming production of *Psycho Beach Party*. Formerly titled *Gidget Goes Psychotic*, it poses the question, what would happen if Gidget had a split personality?

Recently I had a chance to talk to Thomas Bach, the director of *Psycho Beach Party*.

**MGW Newspaper:** Why *Psycho Beach Party*?

**Thomas Bach:** Why not *Psycho Beach Party*? It was written by a gay playwright, it has gay characters, so it seems to be an ideal project for Lambda Players.

**MGW:** I agree, but the gay characters aren't the main characters. How do you think you're audience will respond to that.

**TB:** Well, for god sakes. If that's the only thing they have to object to, then we're way ahead. I'm waiting for the letters from the women's groups because the three main female roles are played by men.

**MGW:** So it's a drag piece? Don't you think that presents lesbians and gays in bad light?

**TB:** Grow up. If we, and by we I mean the entire community, can't laugh at ourselves then how can we realize our own uniqueness. As campy as the play is it still has a message, and that is that things are not always what they appear to be. Who

should know that better than the gay and lesbian community. I mean how many of us have to hide our personality, our preference, our loved ones from family, or co-workers. I'm very lucky that I work in a field where it is very accepted, hell it's almost expected.

show. I mean they've all traveled, some a great distance to do the show. I believe this is the first show in Lambda Player's history to have a completely imported cast.

**MGW:** Why did you bring in your cast? You didn't even have auditions, am I right?

**TB:** Well, in the first place I loathe auditions and I avoid them whenever possible. I knew with the delicate nature of the show I was going to need actors that would commit whole heartedly to the project. Some of the material is very graphic, in fact I lost one actor, who after reading the script said he couldn't do it because of the content. I thought he was talking about the homosexuality, but it was the sexual frankness of his character that he couldn't handle.

**MGW:** Do you think Sacramento is ready for this type of theatre?

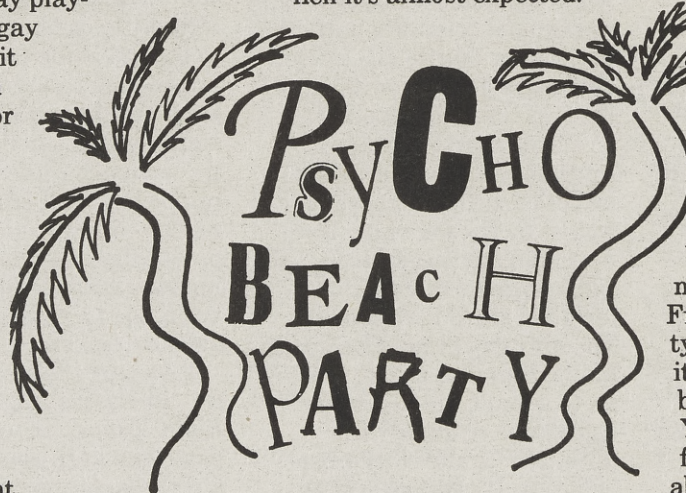
**TB:** I think they're more than ready for it. If you took a survey, I think you'd be surprised at how many people go to San Francisco to see this very type of theatre. You know, it's the newest trend. It's been the rage in New York and San Francisco for the past ten years. It's about time Sacramento caught up, don't you think?

**MGW:** Well, speaking for myself, I can honestly say it's something I've been looking forward to.

A benefit performance of *Psycho Beach Party* will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26. All proceeds for that performance will be donated to the American Red Cross targeted for earthquake relief in Southern California.

*Psycho Beach Party* opens Feb. 18 and plays Fridays and Saturdays through Mar. 19 at 8pm at the YWCA. Tickets can be obtained at the Community Center Box Office.

Info: 442-7752. ▼



So no, I don't think it portrays the gay and lesbian community in a bad light.

**MGW:** You feel very strongly about this.

**TB:** Yeah, I do. It seems to me that every now and then we just need some entertainment. After what the community has been through in the past ten years, we really need it. You know you can only go to so many memorial services. Sometimes you just need to laugh.

**MGW:** How does the cast feel about it?

**TB:** Well, I don't think any of them would be here if they didn't believe in the

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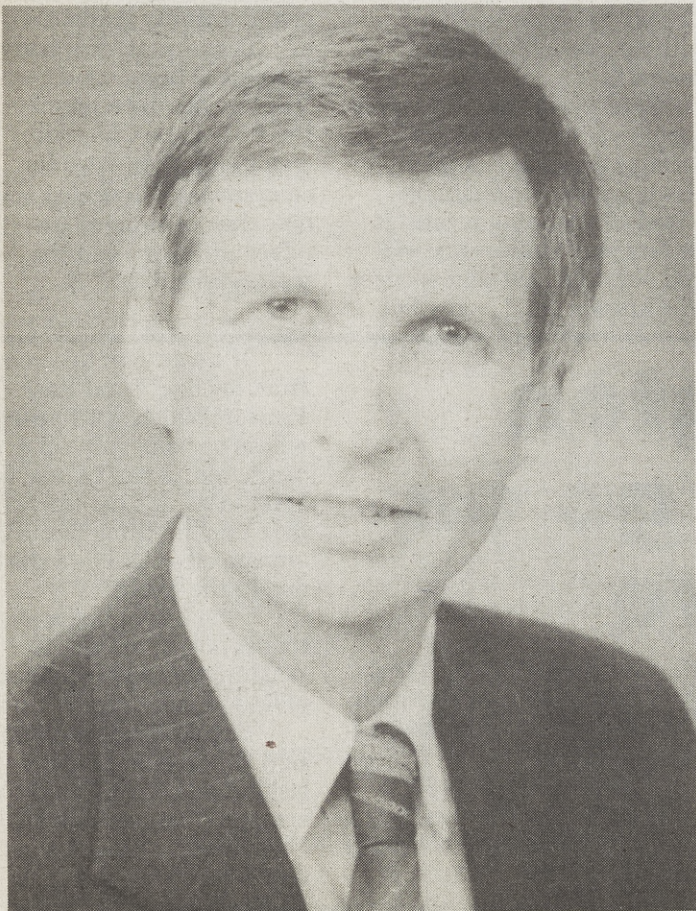


# Tony Miller mugged in L.A.

By Marghe Covino  
MGW/Staff

"It's all in a day's work, some bad guy has my wallet and phone but I have my life," Tony Miller, candidate for California Secretary of State told MGW Newspaper from a meeting place in Beverly Hills.

However, on Jan. 21, Miller, as chief deputy secretary of state was in Los Angeles for the signing of emergency legislation which would keep criminal defendants behind bars until earthquake impacted courts and facilities are again functioning. The new law provides that criminal defendants may



Tony Miller, candidate for Secretary of State.

shaken as they were confronted by a man with a gun who demanded Miller's wallet and portable phone. The man then appeared to see something behind Miller, said, "Oh, shit!" and fled without robbing Miller's companion.

## 19 senators receive report cards

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has given 100 percent scores to 19 senators.

The senators are: Senators Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Bill Bradley (D-NJ), Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Daniel K. Inouye (D-RI), Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ), Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), Howard M. Metzenbaum (D-OH), Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD), Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL), Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), Patty Murray (D-WA), Donald W. Riegle, Jr. (D-MI), Charles S. Robb (D-VA), Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD), Paul Simon (D-IL) and Paul Wellstone (D-MN).

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No Republican senators scored 100 percent, although Senator John H. Chafee (R-RI) scored 89%, Senator Jim M. Jeffords (R-VT) scored 88%, and Senators Mark O. Hatfield (R-OR), Bob Packwood (R-OR), and Arlen Specter (R-PA) each held a 78% record. Only three members of the Senate received zero scores: Senators Jesse Helms (R-NC), Lauch Faircloth (R-NC) and Malcolm Wallop (R-WY).▼

## Farrakhan aide's speech 'repulsive'

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, criticized the

be held for seven days before arraignment, instead of the current 72 hours. Miller was also scheduled to attend the Human Rights Campaign Fund reception and a series of business meetings.

"After the signing, we were near Wilshire Boulevard so we stopped off to have a bite to eat," Miller said. He appeared to have a philosophical attitude toward the robbery. "The guy approached us on the street on our way to the restaurant — he had a gun. He was a little guy but with that gun he looked like John Wayne," the six-foot plus Miller laughed. "The good news is that we're safe. That's all that matters."

Ironically, in addition to the \$50 and the credit cards in Miller's wallet, he also lost his concealed weapon permit. "But Peter [Miller's partner] didn't lose anything except a few years of his mental health," Miller said, laughing, "so we were still able to go out to dinner after we made our report to LAPD."

Miller is a declared candidate to succeed his boss and mentor, Secretary of State March Fong Eu who is awaiting a Clinton appointment as ambassador to Micronesia. Eu supports Miller's election bid, however he faces stiff competition from Southern California. Richard Woo, losing contender for mayor of Los Angeles and Assemblymember Gwen Moore, D-Los Angeles, implicated in the legislature's 'Shrimpscam' debacle, are both considering running for the office.

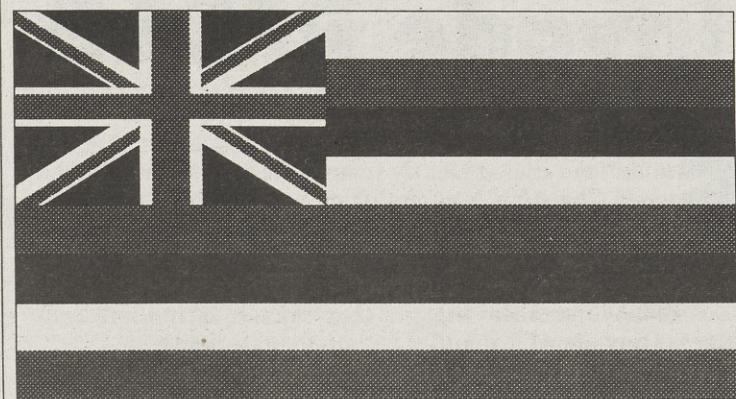
Assemblymember Jackie Speier, considered a strong contender for the post, dropped out due to potentially adverse effects campaigning might have on her pregnancy.▼

anti-Semitic and anti-gay remarks made by Khalid Abdul Mohammad, the national spokesman of the nation of Islam, during an appearance at Kean College in New Jersey.

Mohammad described the late Bayard Rustin, an African American gay man who organized the 1963 March on Washington, as "some boot-licking, butt-licking, butt-dancing, bamboozled, half-baked, half-fried, sissified, punkified, pasteurized, homogenized nigger."

He made several references to "gay Edgar Hoover" while speaking about the former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.▼

## Hawaii under seige



Hawaii State Representative Terrance Tom plans to introduce legislation that would exclude marriage between same-sex couples. In addition, Michael Gabbard of Common Sense Now, a Hawaiian-based anti-gay group, is seeking to amend the state's Constitution to recognize only heterosexual unions.

A recent Hawaiian State Supreme Court ruling found that gay marriage met a constitutional litmus test. The legislature may overturn the ruling if it can prove the state has a "compelling interest" in maintaining the status quo.

The Hawaiian Visitor's Bureau also reports that it is being deluged by people opposed to gay marriages, complaining that they will boycott the state if the marriage law is upheld.

Call or write: Hawaii Visitor's Bureau, 2270 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu HI 96815, 808/924-0266.▼

## LOCAL NEWS

### MGW columnist up for for award

As we go to press we have learned that our Pet Editor, Joan Guertin, has been named as a finalist to receive a Dog Writers of America award in the categories Non-Daily Newspaper and Feature Article (for her "The Valley Pet"). The awards have been presented since 1935 and Guertin finished in the top 3 of 50 entrees. The award, called the Maxwell, is a medallion and will be presented in conjunction with the Westminster Dog Show at Madison Square Gardens in New York which Guertin is attending.▼

### Gay cable show gets new time

*Being Gay Today*, a locally produced gay/lesbian/bisexual news and entertainment program is moving to a new time slot. The new air time will be Thursdays at 10pm on Cable Channel 17. Repeat broadcasts will be on Fridays at 4pm and Saturdays at 10am.

Two shows each month will be locally produced and two will come from either the Bay Area or Southern California. Info: *Being Gay Today*, Lambda Center, Box 163654, Sacramento 95816.▼

### Temporary help donated

Ten local nonprofit organizations will receive a total of 200 hours, equal to 5 weeks, of free temporary help from Kelly Temporary Services.

The offices will hold drawings to select nonprofit winners.

"This year marks the 10th anniversary of Kelly's tradition of pledging free temporary help to support the charitable organizations in our community," said Greg Tudor, an Area Manager in Sacramento. Info: 638-8845.▼

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# Terrorists invade PFLAG

By Dell Richards  
MGW/Staff

Fundamentalists recently turned the heat a notch higher when Christian "soldiers" from a newly formed right-wing organization disrupted an Oregon Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) meeting. The two Fundamentalists said they had come to find out how support groups work. But PFLAG members thought they came to intimidate and harass anyone who would stand up for gay rights.

The fledgling PFLAG group, which began in the Portland, Oregon suburb of Forest Grove, managed to eject the two women when PFLAG members realized who they were. But this new tactic raised yet more disturbing questions about the methods the Oregon Citizens Alliance, which is sponsoring

anti-gay ballots statewide, will use to silence anyone who opposed their cause.

"We're not going to stop speaking just because they're trying to harass us," said Mitzi Henderson, National PFLAG President. "I think it's a sign of desperation that they want to stop us. The voice of friends and family of gays is a powerful one."

That might be easy to say from the safety of urban areas such as San Francisco or Washington, D.C., headquarters of PFLAG. But in rural areas such as Oregon where the battle is being fought not only city to city but door to door, fear is palpable. For more than a year, Portland PFLAG members have endured attacks and harassment by bigots at home, on the job and on the street. Even their children have been abused, being called names such as "fag" and "queer lovers" at school.

When Brenda Saunders, county sponsor of an anti-gay ballot measure, and Ellen Brandt, a "recovering lesbian" and member of newly formed OCA backed Help One Person Escape (HOPE), showed up at the meeting, it made members even more edgy.

"People are apprehensive because of the activities of the OCA," said Meg Oleson, a minister for the local United Church of Christ and chairperson of the Forest Grove PFLAG chapter. "People who have spoken out have received threatening letters at home, phone calls at work and harassment on the street."

HOPE set itself up as a "moral alternative" to PFLAG. At the founding press conference, President Sue Willard encouraged "everyone to help one person escape." She asked concerned heterosexuals to mentor "a homosexual of the same gender...in a close, platonic friendship" so that anyone "trapped in the destructive homosexual lifestyle" can get out.

Not only has HOPE characterized PFLAG as a "homosexual front organiza-

tion," but it is pushing the belief that homosexuals are not born but recruited. According to Willard, HOPE knows homosexuality is not genetic because HOPE members "have watched them change" in their own families. Some PFLAG members feared that Saunders and Brandt actually attended the PFLAG meeting to recruit prospects from friends and family who have nowhere else to turn for help.

For Candace Steele, Northwest regional director of PFLAG, "the damage is already being done even without these laws being passed."

Steele said that gay young people who turn to PFLAG because they have no place else to go are increasingly afraid of attending meetings for fear some adversary will find out. She said that spouses who know a child is gay but

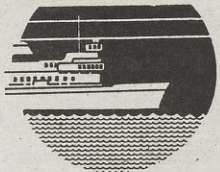
haven't told the other parent have said they also fear that the anonymity and safety of the meetings will be jeopardized.

PFLAG meetings are run with Alcoholics Anonymous type confidentiality guidelines—no one uses last names, no one is supposed to repeat what is said at a meeting—but Oregonians know that in the past year OCA members have done everything they can to embarrass opponents in the belief that the end justifies the means. Such fanatics are unlikely to respect PFLAG confidentiality guidelines.

"It makes it very scary for the people here," said Steele. "It's like having a member of the FBI or the CIA sitting in on a group they consider subversive. You don't know how they're going to use the information or what they're really going to do." ▼

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## Washington parents go on defensive

On Jan. 10, two anti-gay initiatives were filed with the Washington state secretary of state, setting off petition drives to get the measures on the November ballot.

One of these two measures, filed by the Citizens Alliance of Washington, targets lesbian and gay parents and their families

with unprecedented vigor by prohibiting gays and lesbians from becoming foster parents, adopting children, or gaining child custody in a divorce.

The measure also bars "minority status based on homosexuality," prohibits schools from presenting homosexuality as positive behavior and bans same-gender marriage.

The Citizens Alliance of Washington is going to new extremes in pursuit of its anti-gay political agenda, say gay and lesbian parents.

"The radical right has tried before to deny lesbians and gays from becoming foster parents and adopting children who need good homes," said Tim Fisher, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. "But this is their first attempt to enact legislation which prohibits lesbians and gays from retaining custody of their own children in a divorce."

"They would deny us the right to raise our own children. How is that a 'special right'?" added Fisher, referring to the claim that gays want

"special rights." The best interests of children are clearly irrelevant in the religious rights anti-gay crusade. Buried in the fine

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print the initiative states that upon dissolution of a marriage where one of the parents is gay or lesbian, the other parent will receive custody. Where both parents are gay, custody will be awarded to the nearest non-gay relative. If no such person exists, children will be taken from their parents and put in foster care or put up for adoption.

"They say they're 'pro-family,' then they force families apart," said Stefan Lynch of COLAGE, Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, a national organization run by and for the daughters and sons of lesbians and gay men. "When my parents split up," continued Lynch, "they both came out as gay and stayed friends and great parents."

human differences."

As the radical right increasingly targets lesbians and gays, parents have increased their activism. "Having a child puts a fire in your belly," said Pat Justis. "This is not a battle where I can sit back, there's too much at stake for my son. I'm writing a letter about this initiative and mailing it to every straight person in my address book."

Public opinion polls show that "coming out" is the most effective and persuasive tactic for lesbians and gays. "The more 'out' we are," agreed Stancich, "the more they know us as human beings—as normal everyday working people and parents." ▼



## States: Colorado Amendment 2 clones spreading

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trainings, presentations and strategy sessions in 18 states throughout the year. At the center of 1993 activity was a six-month grassroots "Fight the Right" tour from July through December that covered 15 states, 21 cities, 100,000 miles and trained an estimated 3,000 community activists.

Most of the trainings were scheduled in "hot spot" states facing immediate far right attacks, with the remainder of the sessions designed to help "inoculate" other communities against the Christian right. However, by the end of the tour, the inoculation states (for example, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Montana) were themselves reporting heavy far right activity leading to possible anti-gay initiatives.

In addition, NGLTF Fight the Right organizer Sue Hyde, based in Boston, worked with activists in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Lewiston, Maine and provided assistance to those state's campaigns.

In some states, the training sessions were the first time gay/lesbian and bisexual people had ever gathered together in one room to devise political strategy. Many of the participants "came out" at the sessions.

"From the coastal towns of [the East Coast] to the Wyoming frontier, from the Arizona desert badlands to Idaho potato country, from Florida resort towns to the Oklahoma bible belt, from gay

urban enclaves to rural hamlets, we helped educate activists, give them strategies for securing and keeping civil rights, counter the threat of Christian fundamentalists, and begin to build strong communities that will be in place long after a vote," said Robert Bray, NGLTF Fight the Right organizer.

To find activists in rural America to train, NGLTF organizers worked with local, state and college gay/lesbian and bisexual groups whenever they existed, tapped into progressive non-gay rural organizing networks, advertised the trainings over computer bulletin boards, and, when all else failed, used "gaydar" to identify and pull people off mainstreets and backroads into the Fight the Right meetings.

As part of its report on last year's activities, NGLTF Fight the Right organizer Sue Hyde announced the organization's workplan for fighting the right in 1994. "The project is committed to providing support, technical resources, information and trainings to grassroots activists," said Hyde.

Among other priorities, the NGLTF Fight the Right Project will: Provide consultation, advice and support to state campaigns on the planning and execution of statewide efforts to defeat anti-gay ballot questions; compile a directory of campaign managers, media consultants, and other specialists for states facing anti-gay

ballots; conduct constituent organizing and education to get commitments from candidates for the office of secretary

**"[The far right creates] the impression that we don't all start out theoretically with equal protection, but that protection is conferred to minorities by the majority."**

**—Scot Nakagawa, NGLTF's "Fight the Right" organizer**

ies of state and attorney general to block anti-gay questions from appearing on ballots; assemble and distribute a comprehensive action kit, including the updated "NGLTF Fight the Right Action Kit," to grassroots activists fighting the far right; implement a national media

plan to spotlight the "degradation to democracy" these anti-gay campaigns represent; conduct at least three grassroots leadership trainings; provide in-field media and organizing consultation; sponsor a town hall on the international rise of the Right Wing in conjunction with Stonewall 25 in New York City.

In addition, NGLTF has retained noted campaign specialist Susan Hibbard, based in New York, to collect and analyze polling data from sites that have already had initiative votes, assist with polling in other targeted states, work with NGLTF to identify effective messages, and prepare a campaign consultant resource list.

NGLTF's Fight the Right Project was formed at the end of 1992 — in the wake of the far right dominated 1992 Republican Convention — in response to growing attacks by Christian fundamentalists on gay/lesbian and bisexual

civil rights. The project trains and organizes grassroots activists, acts as an information clearing house, provides field assistance and resources, and educates society at large through the media.

For more information on the NGLTF Fight the Right Project, contact NGLTF organizers: Scot Nakagawa, 503-221-0115, Portland, Ore.; Sue Hyde, 617-492-6393, Cambridge, Mass.; and Robert Bray, 415-552-6448, San Francisco, Calif. To order a copy of "The Right Response" or the NGLTF Fight the Right Action Kit, call 202-332-6483, ext. 3327. ▼

**Hate takes too much Energy**

## Sister: Mississippi burning

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you can't proceed. There's nothing to lose and everything to gain. I'm using the criminal section but that's not to say that at some point the civil section wouldn't apply."

Section 1985 (1) addresses Preventing officer from performing duties; Section 1985 (2) deals with Obstructing justice; Intimidating a party, witness or a juror; and the pertinent Section 1985 (3) deals with Depriving persons of rights or privileges, it reads: "...in any case of conspiracy set forth in this section, if one or more persons engaged therein do, or cause to be done, any act in furtherance of the object of such conspiracy, whereby another is injured in his person or property, or deprived of having and exercising any

right or privilege of a citizen of the United States, the party so injured or deprived may have an action for the recovery of damages occasioned by such injury or deprivation, against any one or more of the conspirators."

In addition, Section 1986 clearly states that any person who has knowledge of the wrongs conspired to be done as set forth in Section 1985 and who have the power to prevent or aid in preventing the commission of the same and neglects or refuses to do so is also liable to the injured party or parties for all damages caused by that wrongful act.

If the Klan Act, (which does not mention race or color) were applied in Colorado and invoked in Nevada,

Michigan, Florida, Washington, Idaho, Arizona, Oregon, Nebraska and other states where anti-gay initiatives have been put forth to deprive gay and lesbian citizens of their civil rights (in some instances, even the right to petition government for relief) it might cause the proponents of the initiatives to think twice about attempting to take away the rights of gay and lesbian citizens.

The reluctance of national gay organizations to seriously address, investigate, consider or even talk about this subject is both puzzling and frightening. The smart money should go for funding the straight, conservative Republican Christian guy in Mississippi — he just might give us a better shot at survival. ▼

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# Childhood to death, our journey to wholeness

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Couples often come to me with seemingly insurmountable problems with one another; both claiming that they have worked through their "Childhood Issues". It is natural to discount childhood development and not want to appropriate continued significance to those years when dealing with the here and now.

The fact remains however, that the early childhood years from birth to age six are the most critical, for it is here, in a timely, appropriate way, that we must accomplish the tasks necessary to become secure, competent whole selves.

I will call attention to these early years, as well as middle childhood and adolescence, to see how we fared during this crucial time and to determine the adaptive behavior that we've carried over into adulthood. The truth is most of us do not get, in our formative years, what we need in the way of love and security and self-acknowledgment. What we don't get at each stage gets passed along to the next for healing. During our lifetime we present our injured psyche over and over to someone else for relief.

The work I do is with couples who invariably present their wounds and burdens to one another with the expectation of undoing the damage created by deficient nurturing.

Because most of our

relationships are not sanctioned by marriage, it often becomes easier, after a few short years of blaming and defensiveness, to move on to a new relationship with the same expectations and mistakes.

When I write about childhood wounds I am not limiting my discussion to serious psychological damage, such as emotional abuse, alcoholism, incest, or parental death, for all of us carry the scars of insatiable complicated creatures born to fallible parents with their own needs and problems.

The potential for mistakes—for wrong moves—is infinite. It's the degree and type of failure that constitute the idiosyncratic details of our wound. We develop defenses against the inadequacies of our childhoods over which we have little control, and we drag them along with us wherever we go, to whomever we're with. These become our coping mechanisms, which through repetition, harden into character defenses which continue throughout life to ensure our survival. Unfortun-

nately, many of them live beyond their usefulness and serve to produce very estranging behaviors in current relationships.

These behaviors have a great range: Sometimes they take the form of continual defensiveness, combativeness, clingy behavior, recoiling from affection, isolating and staging scenes to get attention. These behaviors often can be traced back to our feeble defenses against wounds suffered in the first years of our lives. As long as we remain unaware of our defenses and their causes, our frustrations will continue. We need to trace them to the source and see their current effects before we can change.

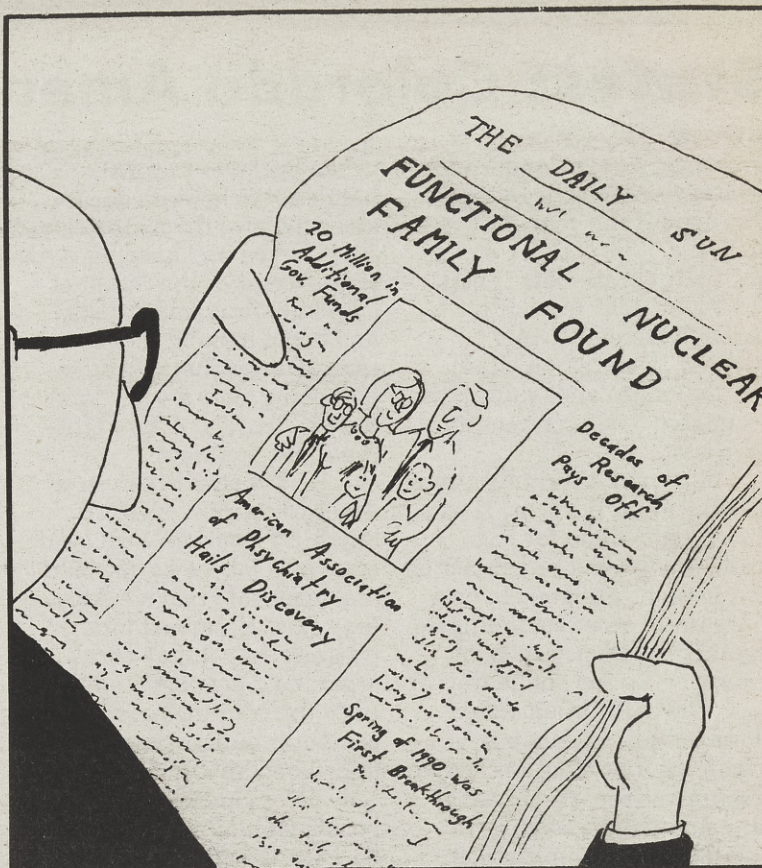
To guide our current relationship problems I will describe how childhood responses translate as adult behavior to demonstrate cause and effect which will enable you to identify yourself at a deep level in regard to your character structure.

It's important to be aware of how constant repetition of certain patterns or messages ends up reinforcing your beliefs about you and your partner.

In upcoming columns I will address "ego strength" or "hardiness", in terms that refer to our ability to view ourselves positively in the face of negative outside influences that conflict with that view and how our developmental stages profoundly affect the rest of our lives.

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## SOUNDBITES

# Knocked out of the closet

Using star power to support gay rights, 18 Atlantic Record recording artists have teamed to produce *Knock Out*, an historic compact disc compilation to be released this week.

Produced in association with *Out* magazine, *Knock Out* features eclectic contributions from rock powerhouses The Lemonheads, The Juliana Hatfield Three, Melissa Ferrick, and Marc Cohn; star vocalists Lea Salonga, Michael Crawford, and Laura Branigan; and dance music superstars Robin S. and Maria Christensen.

The CD's provocative songs are intended to kick off the 25th anniversary year of the historic Stonewall uprising. According to Lemonheads' frontman Evan Dando, whose "Big Gay Heart" provides one of *Knock Out*'s most moving tracks, "I wrote the song to protest gay bashing and other forms of violence. I just can't stomach such intense hatred of a whole group of people. 'Gay' means a lot of things — all of them beautiful, as far as I'm concerned."

*Knock Out* marks Atlantic

Records' first venture with a gay or lesbian partner, and represents a growing movement within the recording industry to confront issues like homophobia and AIDS.

"It's very encouraging that such prominent people in the music business are recognizing the role of gay people as trendsetters, and we're gratified that they chose *Out* as their vehicle," said Michael Goff, editor and president of *Out*. The CD is co-sponsored by CommunitySpirit, a national long distance telephone service.

Fans can order *Knock Out* by calling *Out*'s information line, 800-876-1199, and leaving their name and address. They will be sent a bill for \$24.95, a limited-time price for ten issues of *Out*. Starting with its February 1994 issue, *Out* begins publishing ten times yearly. ▼

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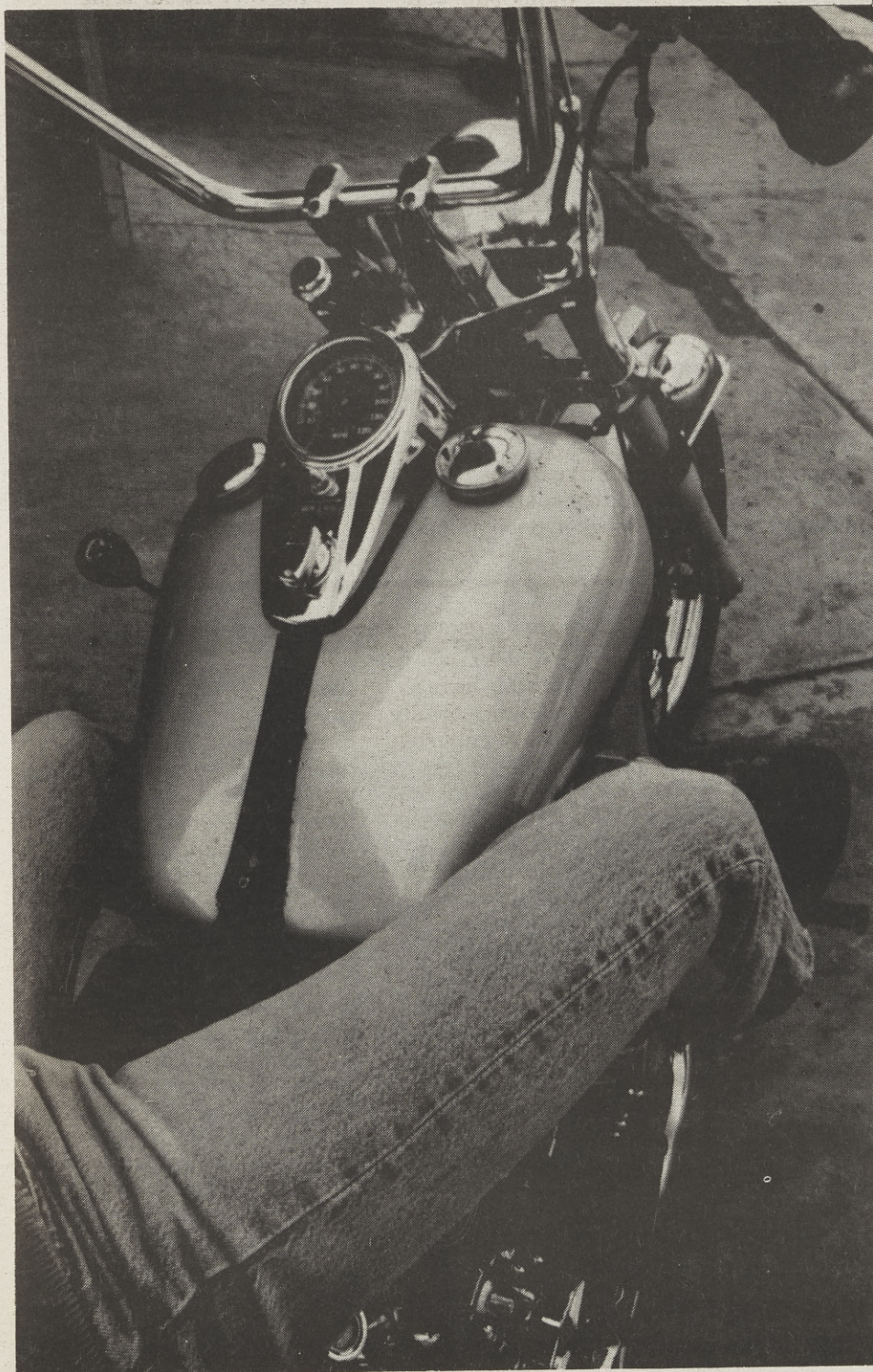
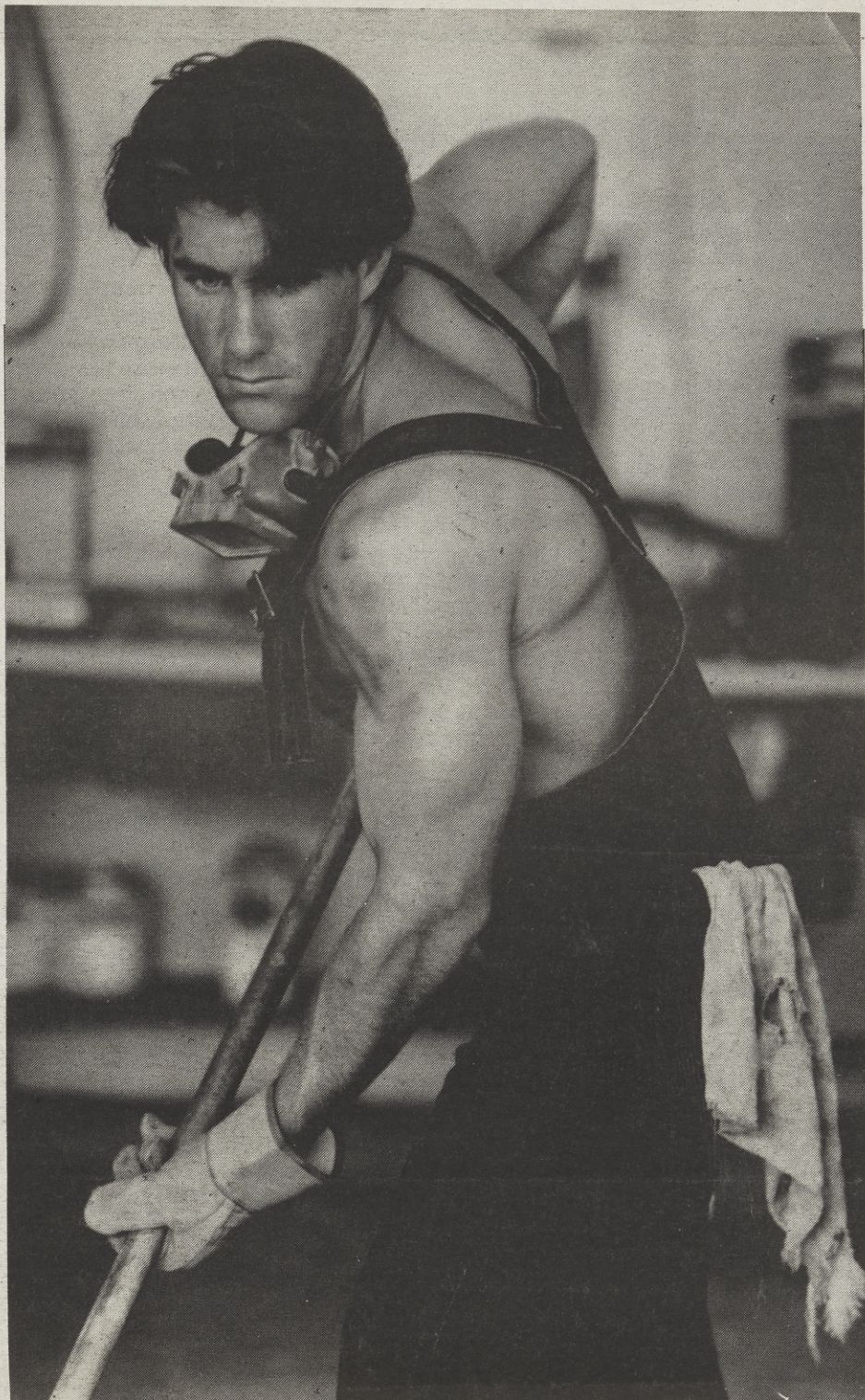
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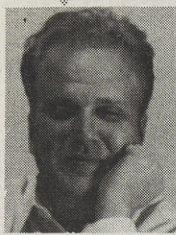
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Chapter Eleven



# House Of Sticks

**P**reviously: Trying not to hurt or embarrass Michael, Adam found himself in a complicated situation. When trying to leave, Michael sexually assaulted him.

I could hear a dog barking outside. I opened my eyes to see my bedroom ceiling. Little bits of Michael swirled in my head. "What a bad dream," I thought to myself.

I got up and realized I was still fully clothed. I was puzzled. I turned to the bed and saw dried blood on my pillow case. I felt the back of my head. It was hard and crusted, and tender to the touch.

I ran to the bathroom and looked in the mirror. I didn't know who was gazing back at me. The face I looked on was mostly purple. Big bulging eyelids, black eyes, and a fat lip. Puss ran from the swell on his cheek. This was me. I realized it was not a dream. I was very frightened and recalled what I could. All I saw was Michael on top of me. The rest was blank.

What had he done to me? I stripped and looked at my body. There were large yellow

and blue bruises on my arms and legs. I cried, and my skin crawled. I felt so filthy. I jumped into the shower and scrubbed my body, but it felt as though there were ants all over me. I was scared. I didn't know what had happened. My rectum throbbed with pain.

I dressed, but mind was a blur. How did I get home? How did I get away, and what did he actually do to me before I had escaped. I frantically dabbed make-up on the discolorations, attempting to appear as normal as possible. The sooner the physical evidence was gone the sooner I could pretend all of this had never happened.

All I really wanted was a hug. There was no one there to hug me. My mom was across the street, but I could never tell her what had happened. I was certain she would say "that's what you get for being gay."

I thought of Alicia. I couldn't tell her, she would go

on a rampage and go after Michael. I wanted never to look upon him. I wanted not to make him angry, he may come after me again. I looked at my bed. In the corner sat my "pooh-bear." I grabbed him and hugged him as I bawled. "It must have been my fault. I drove him to it. Maybe if I hadn't fixed my hair or put on cologne. He hurt me bad. I can't go outside without people knowing. I don't want anyone to know what happened. They will think I am scum. You are the only person I can tell. I have no one. I am alone." I sat alone all that afternoon. Around three Alicia banged on my door. I watched her enter through swollen eyes.

"What happened?! Oh my God, who did this to you?!" She shrieked as she sat on the bed next to me.

"Oh, no big deal," I lied in a trembling voice, "I was pulling off of Douglass and I rear ended this car. It was no

big deal, didn't even scratch my car. But this big guy flipped out and started throwing punches. The police came and everything was fine. Sorry I didn't call."

"I know you pretty well. Are you sure there isn't more to this," she persisted.

"Are you calling me a liar? I told you what happened, why would I lie?" She seemed to buy. She pampered me as friends should. At one point she moved me and I hissed in pain when she touched my leg. She forcefully made me show her my thighs.

"There is more to this. I am not stupid. You went to that Bible study last night. What was his name? Michael, that's it. Did he do this to you. Tell me, please! I will not be mad at you for lying."

"I didn't do anything. I just tried to leave. He wouldn't let me. I don't know what made him so mad," I answered.

"Did he rape you?" "I can't remember. All I remember is that he had me on the floor. The rest is a big blank."

"You're going to a doctor. The doctor examined me and told me there was damage in my rectal area. He

gave me pain killers, and set me up with a counselor. He took blood and told me he wanted to perform an HIV test as a precaution. He made another appointment and told me I would need another test.

In all that had happened I never thought about AIDS. It had always scared me, but I had promised myself I would always be careful, and I knew how to have safe sex. Now I could die because of some bastard who had no self control.

At home I lay on the couch and tried to watch TV. Alicia was in the kitchen on the phone. I went in to see what she was doing. She had the directions I had written down to get to Michael's house, and was giving them to whoever was on the phone. She hung up and turned to me.

"Was that the police?" I asked. I didn't want the police involved.

"No it was a friend of mine from Oakland. He and a few other of my posse are coming down for a visit," She answered. I realized they were probably going to beat up Michael.

I said nothing.

To be continued▼

## BOOKS

### Hustler: The oldest profession with a real 'twist'

From pg. 11

probable differences from the U.S. which make generalizations difficult, the following are some of the authors' more interesting findings. 27 of the 50 are now either gay or bisexual, and their prostitution experiences do not seem to have changed their sexual identity - which, given the sample's age, may still be coming into full consciousness. Their entry into the prostitution scene "most often took place after leaving school and/or home when (the) youths were trying to make their way independently without work training, family support or a proper place to live," (page 64). Seventy eight percent were fifteen to eighteen at the time, 70 percent came from outside of London and first prostituted themselves shortly arriving there. In an unfortunate cross-cultural parallel to the U.S. the authors write "It is a sad consequence of society's disavowal of childhood sexuality (especially childhood homosexuality) that some boys whose homosexual feelings develop early find physical release and emotional understanding obtainable only from strangers contacted in public lavatories. They are too young to go to gay bars, are still under surveillance by parents and may fear their peers getting to know they are gay. If they continue with the habit they are likely to be offered money and so the transition from pleasure seeking from money seeking may be facilitated," (page 71).

The authors summarize the chapter on "Entry into prostitution" as follows "The men's description of initiation into prostitution were very varied and often out of line with popular assumptions.

Many of the sample had begun when they were mature and already sexually experienced and/ knew what to expect. None had been forced into sex acts against their will.

"Substantial cash payments from punters were reported by many, the median range of earnings being £ 150. to £ 250. per week," reflecting six sessions a week at £ 30-40 each (in dollars this translates to \$270-450 and \$54-72.).

Problems? Of course there were some. Occasionally a transaction goes sour and a boy is either unwillingly forced into some sex acts or beaten up, or is simply not paid for his services.

Some do contract HIV and, more often, other STDs; others now recognize that "fucking is a no-no." Alcohol and drug use problems are far from unknown and may use up much of the boy's earnings. Thirty one report at some time having been charged at least once with criminal offenses relating to street prostitution and thirty two had been found guilty of offenses unrelated to prostitution.

Unfortunately the future for these boys, as described by West and deVilliers [maybe leaving out the prostitution part], could be accurately applied to many youth the world over: "few were prepared to say they were satisfied with street work; most looked forward to giving it up, though not necessarily completely so long as they did not remain dependent on constantly looking for punters [johns].

The sexual demands and the waiting for clients were felt as irksome. Liability to arrest on the street and risk of contracting HIV were major

concerns. Even so, the lure of easy money, in comparison with the drudgery of low-paying, unexciting jobs was very apparent. Many had been on the game or were to continue so for long periods in spite of their declared wish to break free...lack of relevant experience and lack of a home or job meant that many had only vague notions of how to promote themselves and escape from the social trap in which they found themselves." (Page 138).

There are models, masseurs, massage parlors and escort agencies in the UK [at least in the greater London area, but this may be a largely urban phenomenon and different in Scotland, Ireland and Wales not to mention the infamous Isle of Man].

The workers and clients of these other venues (that is non-rent boys) are also interviewed and pertinent issues discussed. Some of the same problems exist with them, such as who can man the phones 24 hours a day; when you're through you're too tired for a regular sexual/social life; some pay taxes, others hide their income; what will the neighbors say - they suspect little if its only guys coming and going all day (except maybe dealing drugs?).

What about the clients of these men? Two "points emerged most clearly:

(1) Clients, like sex workers, are of many kinds, they can be from any social class, married or single, selfish or considerate, brash or inhibited, wanting only sexual release or trying to relieve loneliness, wanting ordinary sex or seeking special rituals.

(2) Clients' motivations vary, but many feel a strong

need for sexual experience which they cannot or dare not obtain except by contact with a sex worker. So long as a male sex industry exists it will never lack custom (sic.)" (Page 277).

What is my overall reaction to and evaluation of this book? I had close personal (not professional) involvement with several Sacramento male prostitutes a number of years ago, and still maintain close contact with them.

Based on that, my professional experience as a psychologist and as a gay male, my overall evaluation of these two diverse books is that West's concluding comments apply to the U.S. as well as the U.K., that is: "some sex workers are real problem personalities, some would do other things if given proper

access to jobs and housing, but others are pursuing a chosen vocation in a reasonably contented and effective manner.

Years ago this author wrote (West, 1977, p. 228): "For all its dangers and problems, homosexual prostitution, like any other institutionalized human relationship, is neither wholly white nor jet black, but a varying shade of grey, according to the circumstances and characteristics of the individual participants." Nothing in the present survey has brought about a change in this opinion," (page 333).

Nor does a distance of three to six thousand miles make West's opinion inapplicable to the United States today.▼

### Queer journal debuts

Literary journals have a bad reputation (and rightfully so) when it comes to publishing gay and lesbian writers. Unless the author is already famous, seldom does a homosexual writer appear in the pages of these journals. More often than not, the writing is haughty and pedantic, hardly representative in style or substance of writers and readers like us.

*modern words*, a new international queer journal, attempts to fill this literary void by publishing material that is accessible and well-written. *modern words* debuts in May 1994, positioning itself between the traditional literary journal and the ever present, ever proliferating popular periodical. But more importantly, it is a journal you can get excited about,

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# Controlling Animal Control

By Joan B. Guertin  
MGW/Staff

**W**e've come a long way since the days when terms such as "Dog Catcher" and "Dog Pound" struck terror in the hearts of dog lovers. As we approach the mid-90's, with an upscale-philosophy geared to changing the face of business in our society, those dealing in the business of animal control and safety are looking seriously toward upgrading their image. Excellent examples are found right here in our own community with dramatic changes taking place in several quarters.

Downtown, on Front Street, the City recently

Road where positive changes are taking place with the

brought from licensing. However, there is so much more that goes on behind Animal Control doors.

In the past year, thanks to decisions handed down by AOTF (Animal Overpopulation Task Force) there is considerably more public involvement with the agency. First and foremost was the formation of the Volunteer Program. Initially the majority of the volunteers were made up of members of The Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs, in the past year, while the Council still is a tremendous source of knowledgeable volunteers from the Dog Fancy, recruitment meetings

cringe at the very existence of Animal Control, due in part, to the reality that old, sick, injured and animals of unsound temperament, are still euthanized, many good things happen behind the scenes that often go unnoticed by the public. A good example are recent letters from the San Francisco SPCA Hearing Dog Program which announced that in the past year a total of four dogs from County Animal Control went on to better lives of service as ears for the deaf. Representatives from the Hearing Dog Program regularly scout local shelters for likely candidates. Not all make it to become hearing dogs, but County Animal Control can boast of four in 1993.

Another human interest story was the recent "rescue" of a five-foot Caiman (a relative to the alligator) from a local pet shop that had gone out of business. Through the cooperation of concerned local citizens and organizations, Animal Control was able to house the Caiman for a short period of time and then ship the reptile on to a suitable home in Texas. According to County Animal Control Director, Pat Wilcox, this was a wonderful example of cooperation between the public and a government

agency for a real win-win situation.

March 3rd is the date for the next Volunteer Recruitment meeting at Animal Control from 6:30 - 8pm. Featured will be a program on how to identify breeds of dogs and cats which is needed in order to aid in the finding of lost animals. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For additional information call the Volunteer office at 855-8982. Whether you can get involved or not, attend and see what is going on.

I'm off to chilly New York and my first visit to Westminster Kennel Club Show and Dog Writer's of America Awards Banquet, I'll report on both when I return. ▽



unveiled a brand new facility that ensures better care and more space for the animals that find their way to City Animal Control. A tour of the facility is on my "to do" list for the near future. However, I find myself spending lots of time these days down at County. Officially, that is Sacramento County Animal Control at 4290 Bradshaw

speed of light.

Technically, the primary function of any animal control is Rabies Control. The reason that licensing is mandatory is to ensure that all dogs (and in the near future, cats) have been adequately vaccinated against Rabies. Consequently, the majority of the funding for Animal Control activities and services comes from revenue

have made the public aware of the program and members of the public are joining the ranks. The volunteers have aided in streamlining the adoption process, facilitated greater success in the matching of lost dogs and cats with their families and in expanding grooming services so that dogs adopted go out clean.

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## F E B R U A R Y

## 15 - Tuesday

**HEART TO HEART** HIV+ support group for gay and bi males. 6:30 to 8 pm. SAF, 2nd Floor, 920 20th St. 448-2437.

**PFLAG** "Maybe We're Talking About a Different God", Fireside Room. St. Marks Methodist Church, St. Marks Way and Lusk Dr., near Watt and El Camino. 665-1050.

**MARDI GRAS HALF FAST STRUT** Costume judging and live jazz music. 11:30am. St. Rose of Lima Park to Hyatt Square. 444-2427.

**AUDITIONS** For SCAT "Our Town" 7pm, Art Court Theatre, 3835 Freeport Blvd, 558-2228.

## 16 - Wednesday

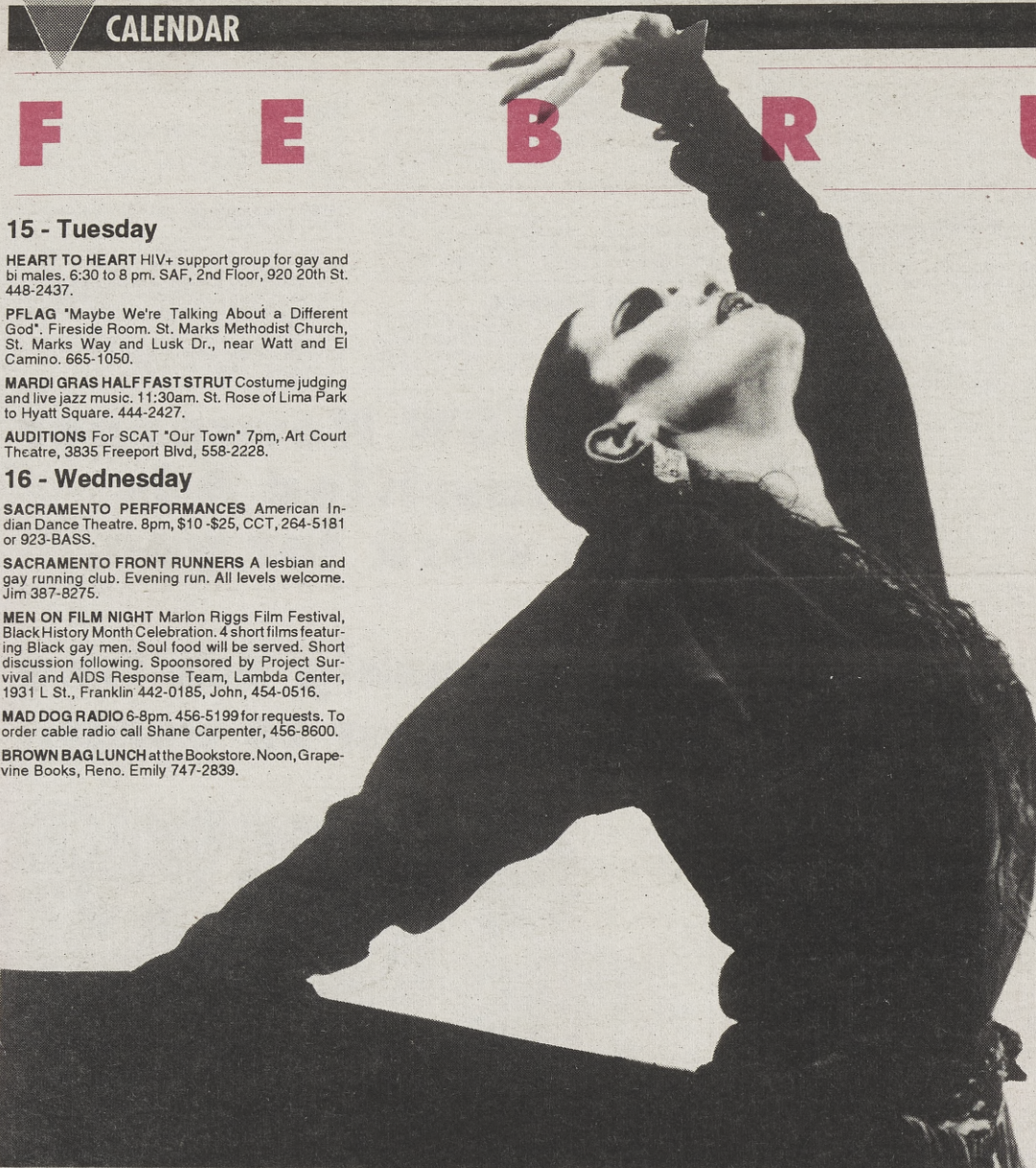
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**MEN ON FILM NIGHT** Marlon Riggs Film Festival, Black History Month Celebration. 4 short films featuring Black gay men. Soul food will be served. Short discussion following. Sponsored by Project Survival and AIDS Response Team, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Franklin 442-0185, John, 454-0516.

**MAD DOG RADIO** 6-8pm. 456-5199 for requests. To order cable radio call Shane Carpenter, 456-8600.

**BROWN BAG LUNCH** at the Bookstore. Noon, Grapevine Books, Reno. Emily 747-2839.



Flamenco dancer Maria Benitez brings her daring dance to UC Davis, Friday, Feb. 25.

## 17 - Thursday

**GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE AT CSUS** Alternating between general meetings and social outings. 7:30, Sacramento Room, University Union, CSUS, 6000 J St. 486-4633.

**NEW YORKIN' 94 RALLY** Free rally. Find out all you ever wanted to know about Gay Games IV, Rainbow Cultural Festival and Stonewall 25. Special Guest, Cleve Jones. 7-9pm, Grand Ballroom, RCMCC, 2741 34th St.

**"THE WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT"** Four premieres and repertory dances by the Bonnie McNeely Dance Company. 8pm, The Varsity Theater. 616 Second St., Davis, 758-0122.

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**SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY CLASSICS** Geoffrey Simon conducts pianist Yefim Bronfman in works of Bernstein, Bartok and Debussy. CCT, 449-6950.

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**SACWN** 6:30pm, 486-8985.

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**HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP** with Marjorie Thirkettle, 4:30-6pm, RCMCC, 36th & Broadway, 737-3416.

**FAIRY GODFATHERS** Meeting, 1pm, Faces, 2000 K St. 568-7213.

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**POKER CLUB** For lesbian couples over 35. K or J, 649-1182.

**ART SHOW** 1-5pm, Shephard Garden & Art Center, 3330 McKinley, 443-9413.

**CLOVERDALE CITRUS FAIR** 10am-10pm, Cloverdale, 707-894-3992.

**LWBC** Meadowland Mall, Country Court-Arlington Gardens. Reno, Lynn 747-2839.

## 20 - Sunday

**G.L.A.D. TOASTMASTERS** Club, MCC, 34th & Broadway, North Hall, 12:30am, 362-9013.

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** High Mass, 10am. 446-2620, 446-0804.

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**RIVER CITY BOWLERS** 6pm, Land park Bowl.

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## 21 - Monday

**MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP** Rap group concerning coming out and alternative life styles. 5:30pm. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

**WOMEN'S SOCIAL** Discussing life's challenges for lesbian and bisexual women. 7:15pm. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

**TWIN SPIRIT VETERANS ASSOCIATION** General meeting and social. 7:30pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 646-4209.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ED CONDON**

**RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB** Candidates Forum. 6:30pm, YWCA, 17th & L sts.

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**LESBIAN 12-STEP GROUP** No fee, 7:15 - 8:45, Trinity Cathedral Church, nursery room, 2620 Capitol Ave., 488-8282.

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**SAGA IV BINGO PARTY** \$5/3 cards, \$1 additional cards, 50/50 blackout last game. 7-9pm, no host dinner, order from menu, 6-9 pm, Cheyenne Club, Barry, 371-6428, Tom, 635-1535.

**WOMEN'S CLINIC KICKOFF** Refreshments, guest speaker, health info. 6pm, CARES, 2710 Capitol Ave, 443-3299.

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## MASTER CALENDAR FOR GAY/LESBIAN/BI EVENTS

Gay Winter festival, Lake Tahoe	Mar 3-13
AIDS Dance-A-Thon, SF	Mar 12
Tucson Gay Rodeo	Mar 18-20
Los Angeles Gay Rodeo	April 15-17
WEAVE Auction	May 5
CAP/PAC Annual Dinner	May 7
Sacramento County Fair	May 12-15
Bay to Breakers Run	May 15
AIDS Memorial Candlelight March	May 22
Sacramento Jazz Jubilee	May 27-30
Bay Area Gay Rodeo	May 27-30
Lambda Center Awards Dinner	June
Lambda Freedom Fair Celebration	June 11
Los Angeles Gay Pride Celebration	June 11-12
S.F. Gay/Lesbian Film Festival	June 9-19
Gay Games - New York	June 18-25
S.F. Gay Pride Parade	June 19
N.Y. Stonewall 25 March	June 26
California State Fair	Aug 19-Sep 5
Rainbow Festival Street Fair	September 4
San Diego Gay Rodeo	September 23-25
RDCD Lambda Awards Dinner	October
Castro Street Fair	October 2
National Coming Out Day	October 11
Camping Women/Dutch Flat Days	September 9, 10, 11
MGW Newspaper's 17th Anniversary	November
World AIDS Awareness Day/A Day Without Art	December 1
Miracles Happen Fund	December
Snow White Champagne Ball	December 11

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## THEATER

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**ARC Theatre** "Hot L Baltimore", Feb 25 - Mar 6; "Marat/Sade" Apr. 22-30; Student directed one act plays, May 6-7, 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8234.

**B St. Theatre**, 2711 B St., 443-5300.

**CSUS THEATRE** "A Lie of the Mind," Mar 17 - 26; "Dream on Monkey Mountain," Apr 15 - May 1; "Etta Jenks," May 5 - 15. Film Festival Feb 26 - Mar 12. CSUS, 6000 J St. 276-6604.

**DMTC** 2121 2nd St. 756-3682.

**The Fantasy Theatre** "Journey to the Center of the Earth" Jan 29 - Feb 26; "The Fantasy Festival VIII" Apr 2 - May 21. The B Street Theatre, 2711 B St. 442-5635.

**Foothill Actor's Theatre** "I'll Be Back Before Midnight," Mar 4-26. Dinner theater production at Diggins Restaurant, 694 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs; "Hamlet" Mar 4-26; "Abundance" April 22 - May 7; "Death and the Maiden" Jun 3-18; "Hay Fever" Jul 15-Jul 14; "The Marriage of Bette & Boo" Jul 29 - Sep 3; "Hate Hamlet" Sep 30 - Oct 22; "A Christmas Carol" Second Stage - "Letters Home" Mar 15 - 30; "Jacques Brell is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" Aug 9-31; "Ice Cream with Hot Fudge" Oct 4-19. Nevada City, 626-7888.

**Garbeau's**, "Out of Sight...Out of Murder," Thru Mar 6; "Love, Sex and the IRS," Mar 11-May 1; "Oklahoma!" May 6-July 10; "The Mousetrap," July 15-Sep 4; "Nonsense," Sep 9-Nov 13; "Rumors," Nov 18-Jan 8. 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, 985-6361.

**Garbeau's, Too** 111 K St. Old Sacramento.

**Lambda Players** "Psycho Beach Party," Feb 18 - Mar 19; "Antigone," Apr 13 - Jun 11; "Gertrude Stein," Jul 22 - Aug 20. YWCA Theater, 1122 17th St., 442-

7752. Tickets available at Community Center Ticket Office.

**Music Circus Broadway Series** "Falsettos," Apr 19-24; "Tommy," May 31 - Jun 5; "Lunch" Jul 11-17; "Show Boat" Jul 18-24; "Guys and Dolls" Jul 25-31; "The Secret Garden" Aug 1-7; "Camelot" Aug 8-14; "Big River" Aug 15-21; "The King and I" Aug 22-28. Community Convention Center Theater, 14th & L Sts. 557-1999.

**SAC City Actors Theater**, "Simply Heavenly," Feb 25 - Mar 26; "Our Town," Apr 15 - May 14; "Storytime Theatre - "Cinderella Wore Combat Boots," Thru Oct 16; "Puss-In-Boots," Oct 30 - Dec 11; "Aladdin," Mar 12 - Apr 30. 3835 Freeport, 558-2228.

**Sacramento Theater Co.** "The Grapes of Wrath," March 1-April 22, "The Tavern," March 8-April 24, "A Cappella," March 29, "The Imaginary Invalid," May 10-June 5, 1419 H St., 443-6722.

**The Show Below**, "Shadowlands," Thru April 9. 22nd & L St., 446-2787.

**Studio Theatre** "Teahouse of the August Moon," Thru Mar. 5; "Babes in Arms," Mar. 11 - Apr. 2; "Robin Hood," May 6 - 28; "Pajama Game," Aug 12 - Sep. 3; "You Can't Take It With You," Nov. 4-26; "Nutcracker Ballet," Dec. 2 - 18. 127-A Bank St., Grass Valley, 273-2730.

**The Studio Theatre** "Finally Wanna Dance," Feb 25 - May 7, 4469 D. St. 455-4676

**Theater Rhinoceros**, "The Secretaries," Thru Feb 19, "Out of the Inkwell," Mar 17-Apr 23. "Beyond Baghdad," May 19 - Jun 25. 2926 16th St., S.F., 415-861-5079.

**GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE AT SAC STATE** 8pm, Student Union, CSUS.

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**ART AND CHOCOLATE** "Swiss Figurative Drawings" walk-thru with hot chocolate and other treats, \$4-\$6, 7pm. Library Gallery and Ballroom, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. 264-5423.

**HOW TO INTERPRET YOUR LAB RESULTS** Mark Ghiglieri, PA-C explains the basic lab tests and what they mean. 7-9pm, CARES, 2710 Capitol Ave., 443-3299.

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**NATIONAL NOW BOARD MEETING**, Thru Feb 27. Indianapolis, 202-331-0066.

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**SACRAMENTO AREA BISEXUAL NETWORK** meeting, 8pm, Cafe New Helvetia, 19th & L sts, 863-3700.

**WOMEN'S CENTER FILM FESTIVAL** Focusing on the lives and experiences of women. 7pm, Crest Theatre, 1013 K St. Mail. 736-6942.

**YOUTH SOCIAL** 8pm to midnight. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

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**LWBC** Meadowland Mall, 5 & Diner. Reno, Lynn 747-2839.

**EL DORADO AIDS TASK FORCE OPEN HOUSE** Live music, raffles and no-host wine. 1-5:30pm, Best Western/Placerville Inn, Alexandria Room, 6850 Greenleaf Dr. Highway 50 at Missouri Flat Rd. 622-9100.

**BEING GAY TODAY** 10am, Cable Chan. 18.

**COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING** Puppy Kindergarten, 9am, Beginning Obedience, 10:15am, Advanced Puppy, 9am, Intermediate, 11:30am. El Camino Vet Clinic, 4000 El Camino Ave. 485-2201.

## 27 - Sunday

**HARRY M. TONKIM** Memorial Chapel Series. Peggy Sahmaunt, Oboe, Carl K. Nalua, composer and friends. \$5, 3pm. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd.

**G.L.A.D. TOASTMASTERS** Club, MCC, 34th & Broadway, North Hall, 12:30am, 362-9013.

**AFRICA'S DAUGHTERS** Rising Art reception "Political Statements: In Art Form." 4-7pm, \$20-\$25. Jazzman's At of Pasta, 1107 Firehouse Alley, 689-1204.

**GAY FAMILIES** 6:30pm, 387-8862.

**RIVER CITY BOWLERS** 6pm, Land park Bowl.

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** High Mass, 10am. 446-2620, 446-0804.

**UCDMC PULSE** A look at Hospices and Body Shop. 6:30-7pm, Chandel 10.

## 28 - Monday

**MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP** Rap group concerning coming out and alternative life styles. 5:30pm. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

**WOMEN'S SOCIAL** Discussing life's challenges for lesbian and bisexual women. 7:15pm. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

**SACRAMENTO FRONT RUNNERS** A lesbian and gay running club. Evening run. All levels welcome. Jim 387-8275.

**LESBIAN 12-STEP GROUP** No fee, 7:15 - 8:45, Trinity Cathedral Church, nursery room, 2620 Capitol Ave., 488-8282.